

SHINTY



YEARBOOK 2022





MOWI®

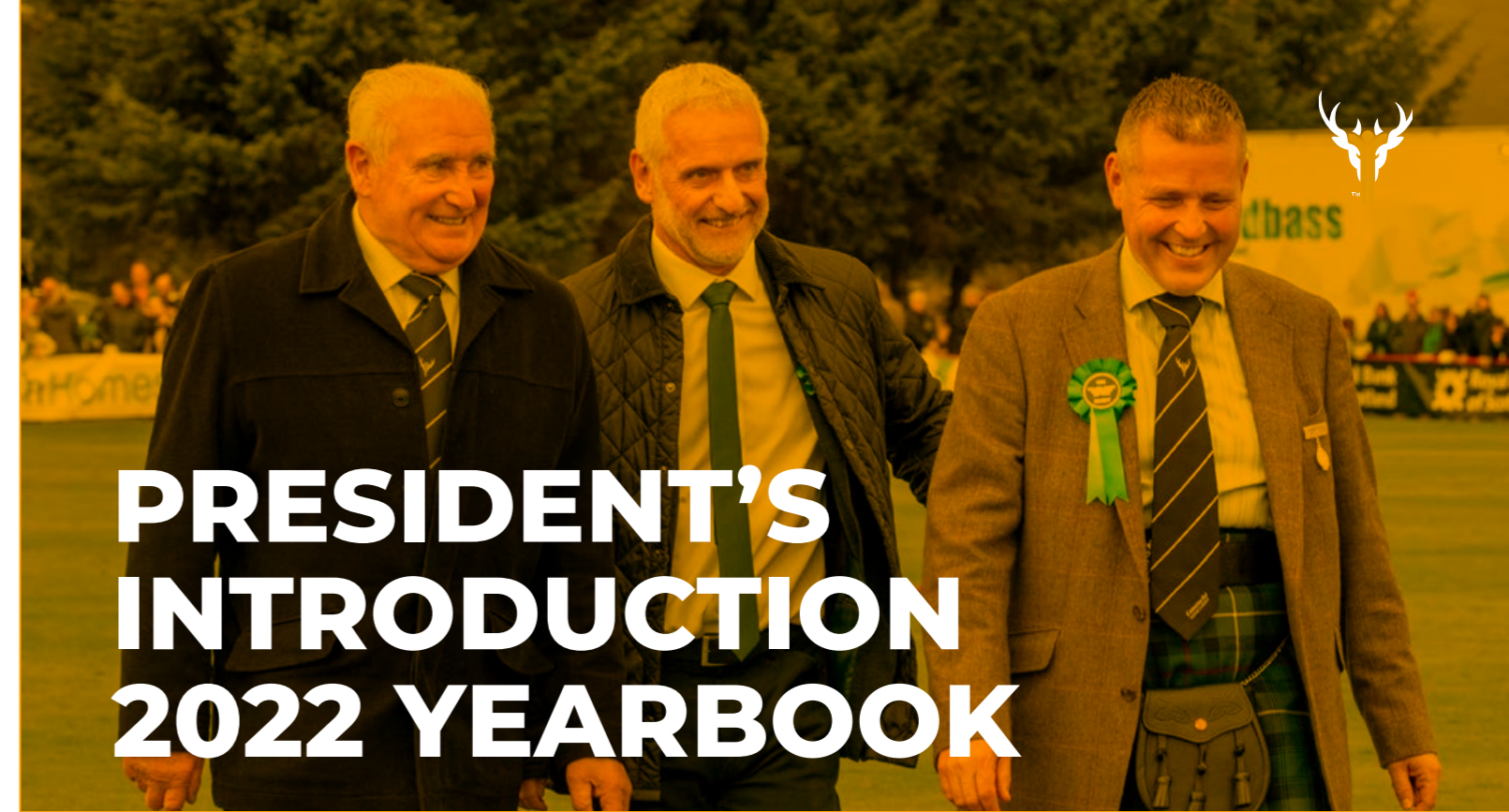
Proud to support
Shinty

Enjoy the season.

mowiscotland.co.uk

We're proud to have supported the Camanachd Association since before Lady Gaga was born and when a Walkman was totally awesome.

MOWI®
is Goodness.



PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION 2022 YEARBOOK

It's been another whirlwind year and I'm proud to say much has been achieved as we aimed for our first full season following the COVID pandemic. Our key aim was to deliver a full league season for our sponsors, MOWI, and on behalf of the Board I would like to record my thanks to our member clubs and staff for making this happen. I should also congratulate the league winners – Kingussie, Skye, Col Glen, Newtonmore, Bute and Beaulie – well done to you all!

It would also be remiss of me not to note that season 2022 was Kingussie's year, with the MOWI Premier League, Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup, cottages.com MacTavish Cup and the Artemis Macaulay Cup all making their way to the Dell. Newtonmore also remained the club to beat at junior level by winning every competition they entered and securing the Highland Industrial Supplies Sutherland Cup, Strathdearn Cup and MOWI North Division 1 for their trophy cabinet.

Other notable cup successes were Beaulie winning the Ferguson Transport and Shipping Balliemore Cup after being losing finalists in 2021; Col Glen lifting the inaugural Single Team Club Competition in a closely contested final against Glengarry; and Glasgow Mid Argyll securing a South area cup double as their first team emerged victorious in the Glasgow Celtic Society Cup and their second team secured the MKM Building Supplies Oban Bullough Cup.

For players and supporters I realise that the leagues and cups are the main focus of interest, but as a sport and an Association we deliver so much more. We continue to support the mental health and wellbeing of our members by piloting the Gaining the Advantage programme in conjunction with SAMH. This complements our partnerships with the Chaplaincy programme and Mikeysline, and in 2023 we will extend our work in this area by partnering with Scottish Counselling Services.

Improving safety in our sport is something the Board are determined to deliver. Two Bauer ice-hockey helmets have been approved by the Board affording players more choice and greater protection. In addition, the proposal to raise the mandatory age for wearing a helmet and faceguard to under-21 for season 2023 was approved at the AGM. Of course, I must acknowledge that the proposals to make helmets and faceguards mandatory for all players in season 2023 did not achieve the required 75% majority of voting members but it is worth recognising that it achieved 34 votes in favour and fell only two votes short of the number required.

Season 2022 also delivered a few firsts. We held our first hybrid AGM with members offered the choice to attend in person or online. This proved successful and will be repeated in season 2023. The venue for the AGM was the Highland Cinema in Fort William and this was also the location for the 2022 MOWI Awards. The venue and this set-up provided for a more informal approach, with the Awards held in the auditorium followed by a buffet in the restaurant to allow the award winners the chance to mingle. The redevelopment of the Bught Park took a major step forward with funding confirmed and plans for an interactive experience called Shinty's Story being worked up. Last, but not least, and the Final Fling saw a music concert follow the Camanachd Cup for the first time. My congratulations to Kingussie on this innovation. A tremendous example of community involvement and one we will review to see what can be learned for the future.

I hope you enjoy this review of season 2022 and whets your appetite for season 2023!

Yours in shinty,
Steven MacKenzie
President, Camanachd Association

INNOVATIVE MENTAL HEALTH SPONSORSHIP AGREED

The Camanachd Association have struck an innovative deal with Scottish Counselling Services that will allow all of its member clubs access to 6 counselling sessions per year, free of charge.

The introduction of this new partner furthers the Association's widespread approach to supporting mental health across the country. This partnership will add to the initiatives that are already underway in the Highlands with Mikeysline; Argyll & Bute with the Samaritans and Lochaber with Scottish Association for Mental Health. In addition to this 12 clubs have joined the Shinty Chaplaincy programme and have direct support embedded within their club structure.

Derek Keir, Camanachd Association CEO, revealed: "We are delighted to agree a sponsorship deal with Scottish Counselling Services with an in-kind contribution delivering for all of our clubs, right across the country. We are all too aware that the full effects of the pandemic are yet to be felt, and combined with the cost-of-living crisis this counselling support could be invaluable to our members.

We are proud to continue to offer unique initiatives, as well as the opportunity to reap the benefits of sport and exercise, in order to create more mentally healthy communities across the country."

Harriet Inglis, Scottish Counselling Services said: 'We are delighted to be able to work with the Camanachd Association in offering all of its member clubs access to counselling. Our main aim and ethos at Scottish Counselling Services is to make counselling as accessible to as many as possible, and we are so pleased to be able to provide this to the wider shinty community'



GROWTH

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022
Adult Male	1300	1330	1408	1437	1306	1332	1341	1440
Youth Male	1150	1200	1078	1157	1220 *	1375 *	1056	1202
Adult Female	200	224	399	423	394	480	351	362
Youth Female	100	122	267	337	528 *	450 *	367	390
Totals	2750	2876	3152	3354	3448	3637	3115	3394



Participation in the senior leagues increased from 52 teams in 2019 to 54 in 2022 with Strachur joining forces with Dunoon and playing as Strachur - Dunoon and Uddingston entering the leagues for the first time.

New clubs starting were supported in a variety of ways including East Lothian, Stirling, Perth, Nairn and Uddingston with a wide variety of taster sessions and support being provided to existing and new shinty playing communities.

*Includes school participants



WOMEN AND GIRLS

GIRL ONLY COMPETITIONS

6 girl only competitions were organised with over 200 girls taking part.

NEW DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

We secured funding to recruit the sport's first Women & Girls Development Officer with a focus on creating opportunities for girls to play shinty.

RESIDENTIAL CAMP

132 teenagers attended the residential shinty camps this year. 46 were girls - providing access to high level coaching and the opportunity to make friends for life.

COMPETITIONS

SENIOR FIXTURES

This year we organised 669 adult fixtures including recruiting and deploying officials to each of these games.

SOLD OUT CAMANACHD CUP FINAL

The 2022 Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup Final in Kingussie sold out - becoming the first final to do so with 3,000 tickets sold.

YOUTH PARTICIPATION

183 teams (non distinct) participated in over 22 association organised events for school and club shinty including new communities such as Nairn.

CAMANS & SAFETY



NEW HELMETS

Collaboration with the Sports Technology Institute at Loughborough University allowed the Camanachd Association to carry out independent testing and approve a new range of shinty helmets for use in shinty.

CAMAN MAKING

3 new caman makers joined the Caman Makers Guild this year. Our work in this area stimulated new approaches to meeting demand in Caman Making.

Our partnership with UHI has given new and traditional caman makers access to workshops, expert support and equipment free of charge to aid them with their craft.



EDUCATION

BIGGEST COHORT OF SHINTY AMBASSADORS

Engaged and trained 14 schools in the Shinty Ambassador Programme. 100% of the ambassadors said they found the training "extremely worthwhile".

COACH EDUCATION

83 new coaches were trained across 7 Foundation Coaching Courses as well as 44 teachers across the country attending CPD sessions so that clubs and schools can deliver top quality coaching.

BIGGEST RECRUITMENT OF NEW MATCH OFFICIALS

6 officiating courses for 36 new referees - resulted in 48 officials being deployed throughout the course of 2022.

FACILITIES

BUGHT PARK REDEVELOPMENT

In partnership, we have secured £7.1M funding for the renovation and development of Bught Park changing facilities. Work is underway to finalise plans for the development which includes hospitality space and a shinty exhibition to be completed by 2025.

CENTRAL SCOTLAND

The Association has provided support to GMA in their bid to sustain a home for shinty in Glasgow, similarly we have worked with Uddingston to secure shinty facilities at Strathclyde University.

SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SHINTY

NEW POSTS

Secured funding through sportscotland and Bòrd na Gàidhlig for two new part time development officer posts - in addition we have supported Fort William and Strathspey with successful Direct club investment applications for local posts.

SCHOOL OF SHINTY

10 Schools of Shinty have been established to deliver more time on task during school time and deepening the connection between schools and shinty.

FUNDING FOR CLUBS

We have supported successful grant applications of over £20,000 from Awards for all as well as £5000 from the MOWI Youth Development Fund supporting 11 clubs.

WELLBEING



Working with the Scottish Association of Mental Health our staff have embarked on a route map to enhanced wellbeing and we have piloted the "Gain the Advantage" programme in Fort William to support with community wellbeing bringing together a wide range of partners to support Mentally Healthy Communities. Additionally, we have worked closely with Mikeysline, Samaritans and Scottish Sports Chaplaincy across 11 clubs.

INCLUSION

RURAL AREAS

Coach education and two Youth Events for Lewis Camanachd were organised as well as easter camps and coach support mentoring volunteers in Tain, Ullapool, Appin, Dalmally, Tiree and a variety of other locations.

DISABILITY FESTIVAL

The residential Disability Festival returned this year with 6 schools training and bringing 75 children and young people to take part in Shinty. Furthermore the association has supported a number of participation opportunities across each region.



Far a bheil ionnsachadh a' ciallachadh barrachd

Where learning means more

Tha UHI a' tabhann raon nas fharsaing de roghainnean ionnsachaidh na aon cholaiste no oilthigh eile

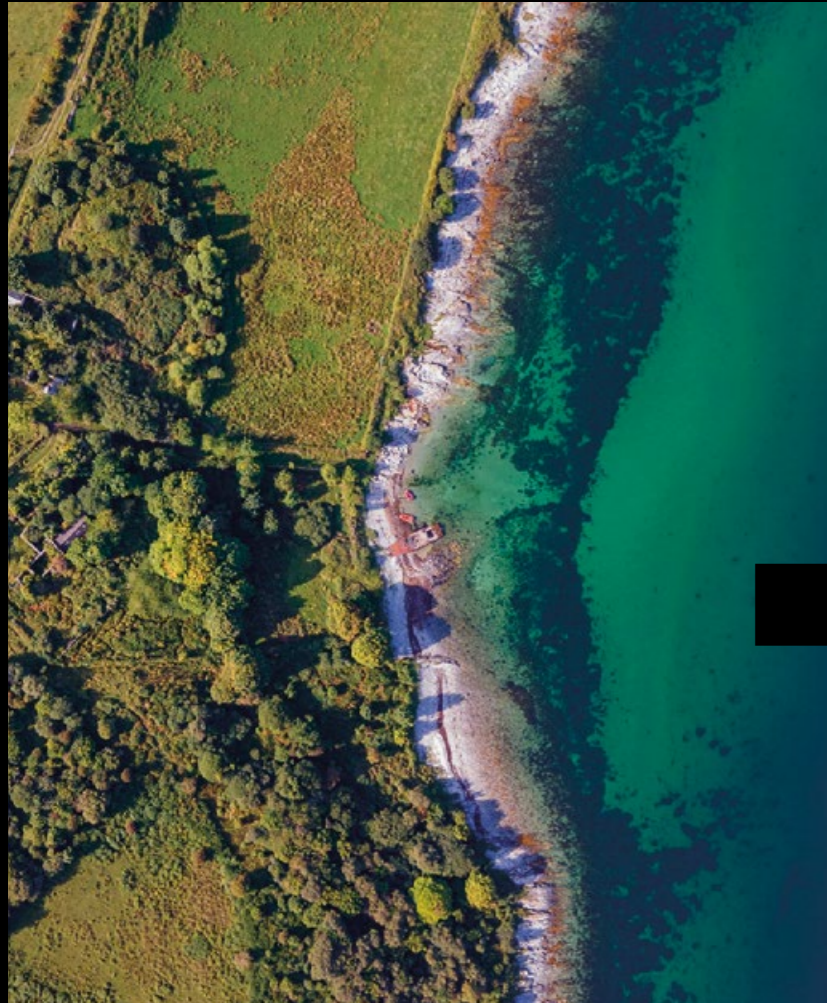
UHI offers a broader range of study options than any single college or university

Are you ready to find out more?

+ visit thinkUHI.com

+ come along to our open days, see the facilities and meet our staff uhi.ac.uk/opensdays

+ call us on 01463 279190



ADDITIONS TO BOARD AND STAFF STRENGTHEN CAMANACHD ASSOCIATION



Former Lovat stalwart John MacRitchie is the newest member of the Camanachd Association Board of Directors. John has already shown a desire to grow and improve the game with a focus on ensuring that young people stick with shinty as they grow older and encouraging as many as possible to take up the sport and progress through the pathway to senior level. Professionally, John has worked with the public for 38 years as a Business Relationship manager for the Royal Bank of Scotland. From a shinty perspective, John has played since his youth, having first played at Tomnacross and then Lovat for 30 years of first team shinty. He was treasurer when Lovat had their centenary year and John also filled other major roles at the club including Secretary and more recently was elected President in 2014. Further engagement with shinty has come through an active role with the Camanachd Association Competitions Committee and as a regular match official.



The Camanachd Association were sad to lose the expertise of Youth Director, Willie MacDonald at the 2022 AGM as he served his 2nd consecutive term on the Board and therefore had to step off for a period in line with the organisation's governance laws. That disappointment was remedied by the re-election of Roddy McCuish and Burton Morrison, two men steeped in the history of the game.



The Camanachd Association staff also received a boost in 2022 as three new members of staff joined to take the team to 10. Firstly, Roddy Young has been hired to the role of Regional Development Officer (Central) which will be based mostly across the central belt. The post has the focus of supporting clubs in the area to become stronger, creating new opportunities to engage the wider community and, importantly, to provide organised and high-quality experiences in shinty for new communities. Roddy said:

"It's been a whirlwind first year at the Camanachd Association, until you join it's hard to grasp the magnitude of work that is undertaken to ensure that games and competitions happen across Scotland! I have really enjoyed my first year and I must thank the dedicated volunteers I work with across the central region who enable our sport to thrive."

The Camanachd Association's partnership work with Bòrd Na Gàidhlig enabled them to recruit a Gaelic

Language Shinty Development Officer on the Isle of Skye. Thereby, in December 2022, Ruth Gordon was also welcomed to the team in a new exciting role. Speaking of this, she said: "After just recently becoming involved with the Camanachd Association, I have very quickly come to the realisation that it is such a hardworking and driven team to be a part of. It is a privilege to be able to work within the organisation, making sure shinty and it's culture remains alive throughout the next generations. Working with Bòrd Na Gàidhlig is also an absolute pleasure. As a fluent Gàidhlig speaker, being able to engage with youngsters and increase their participation through the language is a brilliant way to help keep it alive. I'm extremely excited for the year ahead and increasing the involvement of youngsters within our sport."

Finally, Alison Thompson was recruited to the role of Regional Development Officer East and was a great addition to the team. Alison left at the end of 2022 to pursue other interests but, her work with Lochaber based clubs and the SAMH "Gain the Advantage" program will have a long lasting legacy.

LEAGUE WINNERS

Kingussie are crowned Mowi Premiership Champions again

Kingussie wrapped up the league campaign with a 0-0 draw at Balgate on the final day of the season, this was the final piece of the Grand Slam jigsaw adding to the MacTavish Cup, Macaulay Cup and Camanachd Cup victories that you can read about later in this publication...

A 0-0 stalemate in November was the way that the season ended for Kingussie, not a very fitting tribute to a side that led the table from Matchday 1. While that particular game may not have made the end of season highlight reel, it did mark an historic day in the club's history, securing the title meant that the current crop of Kingussie players would be the first team since 2004 to win the Grand Slam. The fact it has only been done 12 times in shinty's long history speaks for itself and nothing but admiration can be expressed for the club's achievement's on the pitch in 2022.

Breaking the team down into individual accolades is a thankless task considering Kingussie scored an average of 3 goals per game and conceded just 0.6, those kind of numbers simply aren't achievable without a cohesive team unit. However, one player did receive commendation for his efforts at the annual end of season awards, Roddy Young. 36 goals, including 5 consecutive 3+ goal games, earned him the MOWI Premiership/National Player of the Year for the 2022 campaign.

Speaking of his 2022 season Young said: "It was amazing to be a part of that team, winning the Grand Slam is an incredible achievement and something that no one can ever take away from us. On a personal level, I am delighted to be awarded the Player of the Season but there is no way that I hit those numbers without the kind of support that I have behind me, and that goes right the way back to the defenders who have been immense."



Reflecting on winning the Grand Slam, Manager John Gibson said: "It was a great season, pretty near perfect, a draw on the final day and a defeat at Reraig against Shiel but other than that it's been amazing. When you put it all together and take into account the injuries that we have had this season, to achieve what the players have achieved is massive."

Captain, Savio Genini said: "It's been an amazing season, can't thank all the boys enough, I'll not have a better season in shinty than this. Obviously, we are hoping we can replicate this achievement again, but to do it as club captain, to lift every piece of silverware, is incredible. It's definitely not just for me though, for the town, the team, everyone behind the scenes, it's huge. I've played with this team right up through Primary school and to win the whole lot it is amazing and something I've dreamed of doing ever since I was a wee boy."

MOWI PREMIERSHIP 2022								
Pos	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Kingussie	18	15	2	1	56	12	32
2	Kinlochshiel	18	13	2	3	47	20	28
3	Newtonmore	18	11	4	3	41	26	26
4	Lovat	18	9	3	6	35	26	21
5	Oban Camanachd	18	10	0	8	34	23	20
6	Caberfeidh	18	9	1	8	52	44	19
7	Kyles Athletic	18	4	4	10	25	41	12
8	Glasgow Mid Argyll	18	4	3	11	24	35	11
9	Fort William	18	2	2	14	17	54	6
10	Kilmallie	18	2	1	15	15	65	5



Badenoch Ladies retain MOWI WCA National Division title

Badenoch Ladies secured the title with a 6-1 win over nearest rivals Skye on the last day of the season. That win meant that they completed all 12 games without defeat, their only dropped points coming against Lochaber in June (0-0). Similarly to Kingussie, the numbers behind Badenoch's title win were incredible with the team averaging 7.5 goals per game and conceding just 0.33. Victory in the MOWI WCA Valerie Fraser Camanachd Cup Final, also over Skye, meant that the season was as close to perfect as you can get.

Of the club's 90 goals, Kirsty Deans bagged an incredible 47 and once again stood out in what was a remarkable campaign overall. Speaking of her season she said: "2022 was Badenoch's most successful season to date. As a club we achieved our long term goal of winning the league and cup double, a phenomenal experience and achievement that I will never forget. Alongside this we also entered a second team

for the first time who were brilliant and it is so exciting to see the number of girls we have in the club now, the future is so bright and I can't wait to see all of their future successes. I am so grateful to have been the captain of the incredible group of girls last season and I am also hugely grateful to our wonderful coaches - Scott & Iain who put so much time and belief into us. We are very lucky to be surrounded by support and experience from our communities and we are delighted that we have delivered the top prizes in the game for them. I am so proud of everyone associated with Badenoch for all their efforts in 2022 and I am so excited to see what 2023 brings!"

MOWI Player of the Season Jeanette MacGregor said: "To win the Mowi National Division away to Skye on the last day of the season topped off the year after already getting our hands on the Valerie Fraser Camanachd Cup. It's been our aim for a few years to win the double and we finally achieved that in 2022 but now comes the hard part of trying to keep them both in Badenoch for as long as possible. To win the player of the year was a total surprise, I didn't expect that! I'm very grateful to be recognised when it could have easily gone to any of the Badenoch girls."

WCA MOWI NATIONAL DIVISION 2022								
Pos	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Badenoch A	12	11	1	0	90	4	23
2	Skye A	12	10	0	2	30	29	20
3	Lochaber A	12	5	3	4	31	30	13
4	Inverness A	12	5	1	6	32	27	11
5	Glasgow Mid Argyll A	12	2	4	6	22	26	8
6	Ardnamurchan A	12	2	1	9	17	57	5
7	Aberdour A	12	1	2	9	8	57	4

One half of the MOWI Managers of the Season, Iain Robinson said: "Winning the league is a very proud moment for us as a Club as we confirm the first league and cup double in the clubs history. Winning the league was certainly our goal at the start of the season but going out and doing that can be a tough ask at times as there are plenty of sticky fixtures along the way. I feel our success in the league and cup this season is exactly what all the girls deserve for their tireless work every week in training and on match days."

Col-Glen are MOWI South Division 1 Champions

Congratulations to Col-Glen who lifted the MOWI South Division 1 title after beating Ballachulish 10-0 at Dunoon Stadium. That result meant the club finished up on an unassailable 25 points for the season and secured promotion to the MOWI National Division.

The MOWI South Division 1 title is Col-Glen's 2nd league title in the past 7 years having won MOWI South Division 2 in 2015. From South 2 to National Division shinty in 7 years (2 of which were lost to the pandemic) is an impressive feat and the fact Col-Glen still have a very young squad should bode well for the future. 20 goal Andrew MacVicar has been a real inspiration to his side but goals have not been too hard to come by on all fronts with Col-Glen averaging 3.82 goals per game this season.

Col-Glen Manager Ronnie MacVicar said: I am overjoyed for all involved with Col-Glen, today's on field success comes on the back of a lot of years of hard work from these players many of whom have been with us from an early age, they have continually developed and progressed, and they all deserve



credit. Successes like this season are great for our club and community who support us so well and we look forward to building further from here.

Col-Glen Captain Andrew MacVicar said: we are delighted to have won South Division 1, It's been a long tough season in which we have all stuck together and worked hard on our game. It's been a fantastic season for the club, players, and members with now winning the League and previously the single team cup. We are a young squad, and we will continue to build on this seasons success.

Col-Glen President Neil Black said: The club is absolutely delighted to be Champions of South Division 1. It has been a fantastic season winning the single team cup and now the league. The players have shown a lot of commitment to make themselves available to play, week in, week out since March and its finally paid off. The club would like to thank all our supporters who have cheered us on throughout the season home and away and we look forward to seeing you all next season.

MOWI SOUTH DIVISION 1 2022									
Pos	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Col Glen	14	12	1	1	68	12	56	25
2	Bute	14	8	4	2	52	13	39	20
3	Glasgow Mid Argyll	14	6	6	2	29	21	8	18
4	Lochside Rovers	14	5	4	5	34	23	11	14
5	Ballachulish	14	5	5	4	23	27	-4	13
6	Cruachanside	14	2	4	8	25	47	-22	8
7	Kyles Athletic	14	4	1	9	19	36	-17	7
8	Tayforth	14	1	1	12	8	79	-71	1

Newtonmore II win MOWI North Division 1

Congratulations to Newtonmore who have retained the MOWI North Division 1 title after beating Lovat II by 7 goals to 0 at The Eilan. That result meant that despite Inverness' game in hand against Fort William, the Badenoch side would finish at least 2 points clear at the top of the table (3 in the end).

Inverness had the better start of the two sides and led the table for much of the season but in the end Newtonmore's consistency saw them pull away from the city team. A 3-1 victory against Inverness at Braeview Park (with the Bought out of action) on October 1st combined with Inverness dropping points the following week, opened the door for 'More to take the title.



51 goals in all competitions for Glen MacKintosh is an astounding figure and no doubt played its part in the success of Newtonmore this year. It was refreshing to see a number of younger players get their chance in the 2nd team though, alongside the experienced heads: MacKintosh, Menzies, McIsaac and MacLeod.

Newtonmore's triumph had a knock on effect down in Glendaruel as Col-Glen are now guaranteed MOWI National Division shinty in 2023 as Newtonmore II are ineligible for promotion.

MOWI Coach of the Year (North Area Leagues) Peter Ross said: "It's a testament to the players that they have been able to get over the line and win the league again, especially given how competitive Inverness were this year, running us right to the wire."

James Ross said: "It was a hard and very long season, we played against some tough teams but importantly, we were able to play as a unit and win the league. It was an amazing treble winning season for the club and I am proud to have been captain for it."

MOWI NORTH DIVISION 1 2022									
Pos	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Newtonmore	20	17	1	2	91	23	68	31
2	Inverness	20	12	4	4	47	27	20	28
3	Glengarry	20	12	2	6	85	42	43	26
4	Fort William	20	11	3	6	41	28	13	23
5	Kinlochshiel	20	8	5	7	42	32	10	23
6	Kingussie	20	10	1	9	47	47	0	21
7	Glenurquhart	20	7	3	10	31	62	-31	17
8	Skye	20	7	2	11	35	39	-4	14
9	Lovat	20	6	4	10	38	58	-20	12
10	Lochcarron	20	5	1	14	26	64	-38	9
11	Caberfeidh	20	2	0	18	17	78	-61	2

Glenurquhart edge out Shiel in exhilarating MOWI WCA North 2 title race

Glenurquhart lifted the MOWI WCA North Division 2 title after overcoming Glengarry on the final day of the season. That result meant that Kinlochshiel could not catch them despite having 2 games in hand, with Shiel going on to win both of these games, it meant that Glenurquhart were champions by just one point. Although they didn't know it at the time, when looking back at the full season it becomes clear just how vital their opening day victory against Shiel was, a 5-0 victory which saw 4 different scorers and began the club's journey towards league title glory. The away fixture at Reraig proved not to be as fruitful but a draw meant that they kept the MOWI WCA Challenge Cup Winners at arm's length and a run of 5 wins at the end of the season meant that's how it stayed.

Having reformed in just 2018, to win the league in only the 3rd full season since then is an impressive achievement and something that everyone at the club should be very proud of. Averaging a wicked 6.3 goals per game shows great consistency across the league campaign and meant that



Glenurquhart

even in defeat they would exhibit an incredibly exciting brand of shinty - one of the games of the season not just in that division but across the sport was their 6-8 defeat at home to local rivals Lovat.

At the heart of Glenurquhart's success is Hazel Hunter who netted 65 (yes, sixty-five) times this season. Talking about winning the league and her impressive campaign Hunter said: "It was a great season for me personally scoring in every game but the most important thing for me was the team and winning the league. We have a great squad of girls and we are looking forward to the challenge of the National League in 2023"

Co-Manager Ishbel Barr said: "We went into the season with no expectations, there were so many players on the team brand new to the sport. However they soon proved with great commitment and a can do attitude that we had a strong squad. It was tight to the end of the season and we were delighted to come away as league winners"

WCA MOWI NORTH DIVISION 2 - 2022									
Pos	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Glenurquhart	16	13	1	2	101	24	77	27
2	Kinlochshiel	16	12	2	2	108	24	84	26
3	Lovat	16	8	3	5	84	54	30	19
4	Badenoch B	16	6	3	7	58	58	0	15
5	Glengarry	16	7	1	8	38	45	-7	15
6	Strathglass	16	4	3	9	31	63	-32	11
7	Skye B	16	5	1	10	26	66	-40	11
8	Inverness B	16	5	2	9	29	65	-36	10
9	Strathspay	16	4	0	12	24	100	-76	8



BEAULY



Beaulay II awarded with the MOWI North Division 2 title following a 13-1 win against Strathspey...

Having wrapped up the title a few weeks before against Kilmallie, you might have expected Beaulay to be going through the motions on the final day. However, this was far from the truth. An emphatic 13-1 home victory made sure that the greens signed off their victorious league campaign in style. Lee Dunbar opened the scoring 4 minutes in and by 15 minutes it was 3-0 and all but over courtesy of Finlay MacLennan and Calum MacIver. One goal is always something to celebrate but MacLennan didn't stop there, bagging 7 on the day, supplemented by goals from Kyle McDonald, Fraser Cameron and a brace from Scott MacLean - Beaulay stormed to their eventual 12 goal margin of victory - Martin Ross bagging a consolation goal for Strathspey.

That truly swashbuckling performance was endemic of Beaulay II's season as a whole, their only hiccup came away to Aberdeen University back in May, and gives real cause for optimism amongst the Braeview ranks. Moving up to MOWI North Division 1 will be a real test for the side who were defeated by both Lovat and Newtonmore (both N1 sides) this year. However, victories against Glenurquhart and Kinlochshiel (also both N1 sides) goes to show that perhaps this is the level that Beaulay II should be competing at.

Kyle McDonald, Beaulay II Co-Manager said: "We are absolutely delighted with the way this season has gone and to win the league was the icing on the cake for us. We could tell from day one of pre-season how fired up the boys were and determined to challenge in all fronts. Credit to Aberdeen for pushing us all the way, when the going got tough our young squad never shied away from the challenge. Very much looking forward to next season in MOWI North Division 1 I feel it's a league we can compete in and will aim to showcase our talents from the off! All in all, I couldn't be prouder of the boys, it was a great achievement from them."

David Calder, Beaulay Shinty Club President said: "This is a great achievement for such a young side. 100 goals in the league and a number of outstanding performances in the cups. The club is extremely proud of the lads and the future for this squad is very bright. They are relishing the challenge of playing North Division One next season."

Torrin Cairns, Beaulay II Captain said: "All of the boys are delighted with what has been a successful season - a lot of the squad have an understanding from U14s/U17s level and supplemented with the more experienced guys it seems to have just clicked - there's a lot of good eggs in the group. Finlay MacLennan's 27 goals this year in the league have definitely helped, but we didn't have all of our eggs in that basket as there are plenty of players who can hit the back of the net when given a chance. Thanks to my teammates and coaches as well as the supporters, committee and sponsors who have made this year possible."

WCA MOWI NORTH DIVISION 2 - 2022								
Pos	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Glenurquhart	16	13	1	2	101	24	77
2	Kinlochshiel	16	12	2	2	108	24	84
3	Lovat	16	8	3	5	84	54	30
4	Badenoch B	16	6	3	7	58	58	0
5	Glengarry	16	7	1	8	38	45	-7
6	Strathglass	16	4	3	9	31	63	-32
7	Skye B	16	5	1	10	26	66	-40
8	Inverness B	16	5	2	9	29	65	-36
9	Strathspey	16	4	0	12	24	100	-76

Bute II win Mowi South Division 2



Congratulations to Bute II who won the MOWI South Division 2 title with a 4-0 win against Oban Celtic in the penultimate game of the season.

In what could have potentially been a nervy day at Ganavan, Bute started off very strongly with Rory McDonald putting the islanders 1-0 up inside the opening third of the half. A Ruairidh Soane double before half-time meant that Bute would go in 3-0 up at the break and all but certain to win the league title. It was more subdued from Bute in the second half with Craig Speirs putting the icing on the cake with the only goal of the second half.

This result meant that despite Ardnamurchan's late winner at home to Aberdour the league title would belong to Bute. A well-deserved achievement from a side who have only been defeated once this season in the league - away to 'Dour back in May. Bute also had a run to the Semi-Finals of the MKM Building Supplies (Oban) Bullough Cup and although the



BUTE

islanders are ineligible for promotion (Bute 1st team are in the division above) they can reflect on what was a great season for a young side.

Stewart Stirling Bute II Manager said: "We started pretty fast the boys knew they had to get the job done over there. Ardnamurchan have been on our tail all season so credit to them but it was great to get it over the line with a game to spare. For such a young squad we have been punching above our weight - 9/12 of our team are U17 but the commitment has been amazing. At the start of the season we were hoping no lower than mid-table and we have done that. We were unfortunate in the Bullough Cup but delighted to have made up for it by going unbeaten since our Semi-Final exit to Kilmory. Individually, Ryan Tierney (15) played one week against Uddingston (H) and never looked back - he has been outstanding since, Captain, Liam Ferguson (17) has been between the first team and the second team and has been a great inspiration. However, to a man everyone has been immense this year. The team were determined to get a trophy this year and it has been a pleasure to be involved with such a young, committed group of guys."

MOWI SOUTH DIVISION 2 2022								
Pos	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Bute	14	11	2	1	48	17	31
2	Ardnamurchan	14	10	1	3	54	30	24
3	Kilmory	14	6	3	5	30	23	7
4	Oban Celtic	14	7	1	6	40	29	11
5	Inveraray	14	7	2	5	26	23	3
6	Strachur - Dunoon	14	6	0	8	26	30	-4
7	Aberdour	14	4	1	9	15	25	-10
8	Uddingston	14	0	0	14	8	70	-62

Ardnamurchan pip Dunadd to title on final day

Ardnamurchan defeated Uddingston 6-1 away from home in wintry conditions to lift the MOWI WCA South Division 2 title. Braces from Sally Patterson and Hannah MacDonald were added to by Ellen Munro and Mya Carmichael to ensure that the title would be heading back up the A82. Disappointment for Dunadd who were the only team to take points from Ardnamurchan in 2022 with an away win and an incredible 5-5 draw at MacRae Park which will go down as one of the great matches of the season. Conversely, it is Ard who will be remembered for a season that saw them go on an 7 game unbeaten streak in the league between June-November.

Averaging 6 goals per game, Ardnamurchan were the highest scorers in the league with only challengers Dunadd having a meaner defence. Sally Patterson bagged just under a third of her teams goals with 19. She said: "It's been a great season and the team spirit is amazing. I'm delighted to score 19 goals but it's only because of the hard work of the rest of the team that I get the opportunities. I'm really looking forward to next season now!"



Former Young Shinty Ambassador & Ardnamurchan II Captain, Lisa Ford said: "It was an honour to captain the team for another league win and a successful cup campaign. The team show incredible commitment and it's fantastic to see the team go from strength to strength. Really looking forward to the next season."

Coach Lyndsay Bradley piled on the praise: "I would add that I am so proud of the team for both the quality of play and their continued dedication and loyalty to the club and each other. Their skill has been outstanding this season and for still such a young team, they are only going to continue to get stronger. I'm looking forward to see what 2023 brings for them all."

Skye win MOWI National Division



Congratulations to Skye Camanachd who lifted the MOWI National Division title after a 0-0 draw at the Winterton. That result means the club finish up on an impressive 26 points for the season. Victory at Braeview in October meant that Skye would definitely be promoted but following that up against Inveraray means they will be doing so as champions.

It also means Skye will finish the league campaign undefeated, only dropping points in the home tie against 2nd placed Beaully back in April and on the final day against Inveraray. The islanders were run close by the Braeview outfit throughout the season but proved to have too much for them in the end.

Skye's league winning campaign seems to have been built on a strong defence, only conceding 5 goals all season - an average of 0.35 per game. At the other end, the goal scoring exploits of Ross Gordon helped power Skye to the title, 16 in the league for him.

Skye's promotion to the MOWI Premiership caps of a successful period for the club who have won 2 MacMaster Cups, the Balliemore Cup and the MOWI London Shield since 2019.

WCA MOWI SOUTH DIVISION 2 - 2022								
Pos	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Ardnamurchan B	10	8	1	1	60	14	17
2	Dunadd	10	7	1	2	44	8	15
3	Glasgow Mid Argyll B	10	7	0	3	2	32	14
4	Tayforth	10	5	0	5	20	19	10
5	Uddingston	10	2	0	8	14	49	4
6	Oban Lorn	10	0	0	10	13	31	0

Skye Captain Ally 'Cleody' MacLeod:

"It's been a real team effort this year. I'm delighted for everyone involved with the club. I've played under Kenny for a few years now and I'm especially happy for him after seeing the effort he goes too and sacrifices he makes for this team. Great to see his hard work paying off. Roll on the Premiership!"

Manager Kenny MacLeod:

"So happy for the boys. They never gave up after a really tough season and to be so far behind with so many games and go on this run undefeated is incredible. Huge credit to everyone at the club who has supported the team throughout the season. Every single player deserves it for their dedication and commitment."

Chair Thomas Wilson:

"What a season! The commitment to training, shinty and to Skye Camanachd from the players has been outstanding. They have been a thrill to watch and support. We had a few injuries, bad weather and other setbacks but Kenny rallied his team and pushed these guys to get results they deserved. Massive credit to the players and Kenny, amazing ambassadors for Skye and shinty."

MOWI NATIONAL DIVISION 2022								
Pos	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Skye	14	12	2	0	49	5	26
2	Beaully	14	12	1	1	57	8	25
3	Inveraray	14	9	2	3	35	12	20
4	Lochaber	14	7	1	6	28	34	15
5	Glenurquhart	14	4	1	9	21	29	9
6	Oban Celtic	14	4	1	9	16	48	9
7	Strathglass	14	2	1	11	23	47	5
8	Aberdour	14	0	3	11	11	57	3



Every dream needs a plan



KINGS SURVIVE EARLY SCARE TO LIFT COTTAGES.COM MACTAVISH CUP FOR FIRST TIME IN 11 YEARS

Kingussie triumphed over Caberfeidh at a windy Bught Park on 11th June to take home the cottages.com MacTavish Cup for the first time since 2011.

The senior final was the third in a hat-trick of games to take place that day at Bught Park, following on from the Mackay and MacTavish Juvenile Finals. Ahead of the game many were predicting a comfortable victory for the league leaders Kingussie against Caberfeidh who found themselves in the relegation zone ahead of throw up.

What transpired was a far from comfortable start for the Badenoch side, the ball was worked to returning Full-Forward Ali MacLennan who unleashed a tremendous strike that sailed beyond Bob McGregor in the Kingussie nets.

Kingussie, to their credit, didn't shrink away from the task and soon forced a great save from Cabers keeper Iain McColl - Ruaridh Anderson knocking down a good shy into the path of Roddy Young, who drilled it low towards goal only to be denied by McColl's feet.

It was then Caberfeidh's turn to threaten, in the space of 3 seconds they had made it from their defence to beyond the backline of Kingussie and Ali MacLennan turned Calum Grant nicely to give himself a half yard, but he was unable to hit the target, firing narrowly wide of McGregor's left hand post.



That spurned chance did not dampen Caberfeidh's spirits and on the 33 minute mark they made it 2-0 after a well struck shy dropped at the feet of hitman Craig Morrison who caught it sweet on the half volley powering the ball in at McGregor's near post.



Eventually however, Kingussie's pressure paid off - another free hit, although this time it was slid to the back post where Roddy Young was on hand to deliver a delightfully deft back hand finish to put Kingussie 3-2 up for the first time in the match on the 77th minute mark.

Kingussie doubled their lead a minute later as Dylan Borthwick picked up a loose clearance from the Cabers defence and made no mistake from 18 yards out powering the ball high over the head of McColl.

Ruaridh Anderson put the cherry on the icing on the cake with a well struck shot 4 minutes from time. He found Genini on the right hand side of the D who held the ball up before making the return pass to Anderson who cracked a shot past McColl at the far post sending the Kingussie fans and players into raptures.

All in all it was a great day of shinty both of shinty with both teams putting on a spectacle and a final with 7 goals certainly can't be sniffed at. Willie MacDonald kept the game flowing and no one overstepped the competitive boundaries meaning the final saw no bookings. The Tom MacKenzie Man of the Match medal was presented to Caberfeidh Captain, Blair Morrison who played an integral role at Half-Back for Caberfeidh and was outstanding on the day. Following the match Kingussie Captain, Savio Genini was presented with a silver mounted caman and the cottages.com MacTavish Cup trophy by Tom Bell from sponsors cottages.com.



Earn more from
YOUR PROPERTY

Our best performing properties achieve over 46 bookings each year

- **Trusted** by thousands of cottage owners
- **41 million** website visits each year
- **Free** property listing on over 700 partner websites including Booking.com and Airbnb
- **Hassle free** letting with full payment in advance of each booking
- **Personal service** from a letting expert based in your area

Call us on **0345 268 1846** or
email **letwithus@cottages.com**
Visit: **cottages.com/let-your-property**

GLASGOW MID ARGYLL END LONG WAIT TO WIN THE GLASGOW CELTIC SOCIETY CUP

GMA prevailed 1-0 winners against Kyles Athletic at a blustery Peterson Park to lift the trophy for the first time in 42 years.

Peterson Park was in sublime condition to welcome the return of the Glasgow Celtic Society Cup Final for the first time in 42 years and although the conditions were a little on the windy side the match started very end to end. Kyles however, probably had the better of the opening 15, putting some early pressure on the GMA backline and forcing a great early save from with the feet from Jonathan Oates.

GMA however, soon showed that they can also be dangerous as a long ball dropped at the feet of Brian Slattery, Slattery 'dummied' the ball before pulling it across to John McNulty who cracked a backhand shot past John Whyte and into the far corner – a truly delightful finish.

From there however, Kyles really started to apply some pressure and had the vast majority of the territory for the remainder of the half. They came within a couple of inches of scoring when Somhairle Thomson danced away from his marker, round another Kyles defender and struck a sweet shot from distance which had GMA keeper Oates scrambling, the shot just clipping off the post much to his relief.

The rest of the 1st half came and went and the 2nd started much the same, Kyles with a lot of the territory and pressure but without seriously worrying the GMA defence, Roddy MacDonald and Andy King were both noticeable absences as Kyles appeared slightly toothless in the final third.

However, as the game moved closer towards the end it seemed like the Tighnabruaich outfit found yet another gear and really began to pen in GMA. Connor Kennedy went the closest to levelling the score after some neat dribbling and a drilled shot across Oates goal required a great save from the GMA stopper.



In the end, time just ran out for Kyles as GMA continued with the mantra that got them promotion to the MOWI Premiership in 2019, a well drilled committed defence, with that bit of quality up front to nick a goal and get the win. Ryan Harrison was nominated as BBC ALBA's Man of the Match and it is really hard to argue with that, his performance exemplified GMA's fighting spirit and they truly reaped the rewards of that doggedness.



5 STAR BEAULIEU ARE FERGUSON TRANSPORT & SHIPPING BALLIEMORE CUP CHAMPIONS...

An Aird was the venue for the Ferguson Transport & Shipping Balliemore Cup Final and the sun was shining brightly between the Bens ahead of throw up. Beaulie came into the game top of the MOWI National and undefeated, having vanquished Inveraray at the Winterton, 3-1, a few weeks earlier. Despite that result, Inveraray were in good form coming into the game having only lost one game in the league all season.

After the traditional walk-outs and hand shaking had been done, match official Steven MacLachlan got the game underway and it wasn't long before Beaulie took the lead. A powerful shy from their Captain, Conor Ross was flicked to the edge of the D by Ross Forbes leaving Euan MacCormick all the room in the world to turn and pick his spot - 'Ary keeper Scott MacLachlan's bottom left corner.

Inveraray responded well though, putting some pressure on the Beaulie backline and winning a free-hit deep in the final third. The ball was worked to Ross MacMillan who fired a low shot at Martin MacDonald in the Beaulie goals who in turn saved smartly with his feet.

Shortly after, MacCormick, who was enjoying an excellent afternoon, struck from distance forcing MacLachlan in to a smart save to keep his side in the match. However, from the resulting corner, Robbie Brindle hit home to double Beaulie's advantage.

David MacLean made it 3 in the 40th minute, as a lofted ball towards the Ary goal took an awkward bounce when MacLachlan came to meet it and skipped beyond the keeper and into the back of the net.

However, Inveraray would reply rapidly, as they found a way back into the clash straight from throw-up. Neat interplay from Allan Cameron and Fraser Watt on the left channel allowed Lewis MacNicol to strike home from a tight angle. It wouldn't take long for Beaulie to recover their lead though, as three minutes later and on the stroke of half-time, Ross Forbes reacted quickest to volley home a close range effort to make it four for the Highlanders heading in to the interval.

The second half would begin with more of the same, the Braeview outfit dominating proceedings. On the hour mark, MacLean would grab his second of the afternoon

and Beaulie's fifth, which put the game well out of reach for Inveraray who were struggling to hold the ball up in the opposing half.

When the whistle eventually blew for full-time, Beaulie, alongside their vocal travelling support, celebrated the club's second Balliemore triumph with their last victory coming back in 2015. Despite being second best on the day, Inveraray can still take many positives from their performance and indeed their season – as they continue to look like a side with a very bright future ahead.

Beaulie Captain, Conor Ross collected the trophy and silver mounted caman from Ally Ferguson of sponsors Ferguson Transport & Shipping, with Beaulie's Ryan MacKay winning the inaugural Captain Archibald Chisholm Man of the Match Award which was presented by Strathglass Shinty Club.



NEWTONMORE RETAIN THE HIGHLAND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES SUTHERLAND CUP IN DRAMATIC FASHION

Blairbeg Park, Drumnadrochit, was once again the home of the Highland Industrial Supplies Sutherland Cup Final, a closely contested match that ended in familiar circumstances, Newtonmore lifting the trophy.

Ahead of the match, it is safe to say that Newtonmore were the favourites, the Badenoch side were battling it out for the league title while Lovat sat 3rd bottom and had been on the receiving end of a 7-1 score line the last time the sides met, in the Strathdearn Cup Final that year. Martin MacLean got the game underway in what was a surprisingly warm day for October and both teams stood up to the occasion from the off. Newtonmore with a lot of pressure on the Lovat goal in the early stages but, resolute defending and quick thinking from forward Raymond Rennie led to the first goal of the game for the black and whites. The ball was driven into the Lovat player/manager who flicked it up and knocked it deftly over his head, and that of the Newtonmore full-back, into the path of the onrushing Ryan Ferguson. His first touch invited the Newtonmore keeper to rush out but Ferguson was first to the ball knocking it beyond Jason MacDonald and into the bottom left hand corner.

Ten minutes later and Newtonmore were back in it through Glen MacKintosh, a shie was controlled by the veteran forward who found a half yard and fired it across goal and into Lovat keeper Ronan MacMillan's far corner. From there, Newtonmore took a foothold in the game and really started to pile the pressure on to the Lovat goal - MacMillan however, pulled off a string of great stops to keep the score level going into the break.

The second period started much the same as the first had ended with MacMillan making another couple of good saves



in the opening 5 minutes. Again, against the run of play, Lovat scored to put themselves 2-1 up - Rennie getting a good block in against his man then rifling a shot beyond MacDonald and into the bottom corner. Newtonmore ramped up the pressure again with plenty of well worked chances, however, they struggled to hit the target and when they did MacMillan was like a man possessed - diverting chance after chance. That was until Craig MacLeod was fouled inside the area, Glen MacKintosh stepped up and cracked one into the back of the net from the penalty spot, 2-2 with 15 minutes left on the clock - squeaky bum time indeed.

Much of the final 15 however, was played in the middle of the park, both teams creating half chances at best and so the game went into extra-time. The final 30 minutes of the game were as frantic as can be with both teams seemingly eager to avoid the lottery of a penalty shootout, you could be forgiven for expecting tired legs to become a factor but both teams battled away with the commitment and desire that you would expect for a game of this magnitude. It fell, in the end to Evan Menzies, who donned the number 4 in tribute to the late Andy MacKintosh, to win the game. His strike from 22 yards out deceived MacMillan and snuck in the keeper's bottom right hand post. The final 5 minutes after the goal were well contested but Newtonmore saw out a 3-2 victory in what was an exceptional game of shinty from both teams. 'More Captain, James Ross received the Sutherland Cup from Highland Industrial Supplies Managing Director, Garry MacKintosh. There is no official man of the match award in the Sutherland Cup Final (yet) but the Half-Swing Podcast man of the match was Ronan MacMillan for a stellar performance in a stellar performance between the posts.

KINGS CROWNED ARTEMIS MACCAULAY CUP CHAMPIONS

Oban Camanachd and Kingussie met in the 2022 Artemis Macaulay Cup Final at Mossfield Park, Oban on 21st August.

The game came just one week after the two sides met in the Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup Semi-Final, Kingussie prevailing on that occasion by 4 goals to 1. Ahead of throw up there were some whispers about a Kingussie Grand Slam, the Badenoch side would have to put thoughts of that to the side though as they geared up to face a determined Oban Camanachd desperate to have their name inscribed upon the Macaulay Cup for the first time since 1995.

Five minutes into the game, the first chance came to Oban Camanachd, a lofted free hit sailed over its intended target and goalkeeper Bob McGregor was content to see it either go in or wide, it hit the post however, and trickled along the goal line with Daniel MacVicar unfortunate not to get a stick on it and turn it in at the back post.

A minute later and it was more than a scare for Kings as Camanachd went 1-0 up. A shot from distance deflected off the Kingussie defender and landed right in the path of MacVicar who flicked the ball up and knocked it over the onrushing McGregor.

The lead didn't last long however, as Kingussie won a free-hit at the byline. It was rolled back by Savio Genini into the path of James Hutchison (a makeshift Wing-Forward for the day) who swept the ball in expertly on his backhand.

10 minutes later and Oban Camanachd were in the lead again. All 4 forwards worked the ball delicately between them but the shot was well prevented by the Kings backline, however, the ball broke free to McGregor who tried to clear the ball up the park but Daniel Madej had other ideas and dashed in to get a block in and make it 2-1 to Camanachd.

On the 25 minute mark, a mix up in defence nearly allowed Savio Genini a tap in but the ball was swept wide by Cammy Sutherland and just ten minutes later, the same man had the ball in the back of the net after following in on a well struck Roddy Young shot, however, the goal was ruled out for a kick in the area. That was the final notable action of the first half as Oban Camanachd went in with a slender 2-1 lead.



Oban Camanachd started the second half more brightly but despite some pressure they were unable to find anything to trouble McGregor in goal - Kings defending the D well and suffocating the attacks. The holders then broke away on the counter with Lee Bain finding Roddy Young on the right wing; shinty's top scorer faced up his man, found half a yard, and drilled the ball across Sutherland into the bottom corner - that goal taking him to 30 for the season. Young ran to the crowd to celebrate with father Dallas who, of course, won this competition many times in the 1990s.

In the 64th minute Kingussie took the lead for the first time in the game, this time it was Ruairidh Anderson who cracked a shot in at the back post following a corner from Kingussie making it 3-2 for Kings with just under a third of the game left to play.

The next 15 minutes were full of Kingussie pressure with Young, Anderson and Genini starting to work their magic - Cammy Sutherland kept Camanachd in touching distance in the 78th minute with a wonderful diving save before getting back to his feet to deal with the rebound.

Oban weren't without threat in the closing period - Daniel Cameron moved into the forward line and was unlucky to drag a shot wide of McGregor's right hand post.

Even as Oban Camanachd searched for an equaliser, Young was still working his magic in the Kingussie forward line, cutting inside from the right hand side and forcing Sutherland into another good save - this time with his feet.

The holders kept pressure on the Oban goal, which was as much of a defensive tactic as it was with the real desire to double their lead. Half-Swing Podcast Man of the Match Roddy Young ran the defence ragged and won a few vital fouls in the final 10 minutes which relieved any pressure on the King's backline. After 93 minutes of breathless action, Des McNulty brought the game to a close and Kingussie were crowned Artemis Macaulay Cup Champions once again. Cammy Sutherland was awarded the Artemis Man of the Match award for his stellar performance in net.



PROUD TO BE THE MAIN SPONSORS OF THE CAMANACHD CUP



For the best choice of new homes in Scotland visit a Tulloch show home today...



Inverness
Kirkhill
Aviemore
Forres

MOST SHOW HOMES/MARKETING SUITES OPEN THURSDAY TO MONDAY. FOR OPENING TIMES AND TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR CONTACT 01463 229300.

www.tulloch-homes.com



GMA II WIN MKM BUILDING SUPPLIES (OBAN) BULLOUGH CUP

The newly sponsored MKM building supplies Oban Bullough cup final took place on the 27th August from Taynuilt sports facility with Kilmory and Glasgow Mid Argyll juniors set to play for the South area junior championship.

The teams and a keen travelling support from both sides received a warm welcome to Taynuilt due to the combined efforts of the CA staff, volunteers from Taynuilt's home club Cruachanside and the local play group committee ensuring the facility was ready for the final, a special thanks must go to Davie and Carol Thomson for their efforts on the day and with the post-match reception.

With the two teams a league apart, there may have been an expectation that the lifting of the Bullough would be somewhat a formality for the more experienced GMA side against the young up and coming Kilmory side. As with most cup finals you can forget about form or stats and look forward to the there and now on the big day.

The game started with both sides trying to settle into their rhythm of play and it was GMA who got up to speed the quicker of the two with the experienced trio of Mark Bain, Ross Brown and Seb MacMillan using the ever-willing running of Cailean MacInnes to create chances for each other in the opening 10 minutes but found Kilmory goalkeeper Stevie Gilmour to be on top form. From then on Kilmory grew into the game and there were good tussles to be had all over the pitch with Kilmory's youngsters running and battling for every ball with the experienced Alex Cunningham and Sandy Leiper trying to orchestrate the play, chances were being created at both ends with both goal keepers making good saves to keep the score line blank at half time.

The second half started at the same pace as the first and it was only 3 minutes in when Aeden MacRae broke the deadlock to put GMA ahead with a clean strike from the edge of the box.

The game continued to be played in good spirit at a high tempo and remained 1-0 due to some dogged defending and great Goal keeping from Kilmory. Both teams used their subs to try and freshen things up as the half wore on with Kilmory searching for the equaliser while GMA looked to extend their lead.

As the game entered the last 10 minutes of play and with Kilmory's resolute defending there was a sense around the ground that Kilmory might just sneak an equaliser

that was until the reintroduced Ross Brown turned his man 25 yards out to the right of goal and hit a screamer beyond the outstanding Gilmour 6 minutes from time, this ended Kilmory's hopes of taking the game to extra time.

GMA captain Jamie Macleod stepped up to lift trophy for the 2nd time in the club's history 12 years after the club first lifted the trophy.

Credit must go to both clubs for providing the large crowd with an entertaining game of shinty in which Kilmory can be extremely proud of their young squad for making it to the Bullough final and giving there absolute all and GMA can be proud of achieving a cup double at 1st and 2nd team level.





NEWTONMORE ARE VICTORIOUS IN STRATHDEARN CUP FINAL

A baking hot day at Smith Park, Inverarnie was the setting for the 2022 Strathdearn Cup Final which once again saw Newtonmore and Lovat come together to battle it out for the trophy. The Final the previous year was one of the most bizarre games in cup final history, 0-0 at Full-Time, 4-0 to Newtonmore at Half-Time of Extra-Time and 4-4 at Full-Time with Lovat going on to win the penalty shootout. To make it to the 2022 Final Newtonmore had beaten Caberfeidh comfortably at home while Lovat had edged past local rivals Beauy in their semi-final.

John Matheson got the game underway in front of a healthy crowd who had come out to enjoy the sunshine and shinty – a rare combination!

It didn't take Newtonmore long to get going, Craig MacLeod dribbled the ball down the wing and cut the ball back to the edge of the D, from there top scorer Glen MacKintosh turned the ball and fired high into the net. Two minutes later and it was Evan Menzies who struck for 'More, a shot from MacLeod was well saved by Ronan MacMillan in the Lovat goal only to fall at the feet of Menzies who hammered home from a tight angle.

Lovat bounced back quickly this time though grabbing a goal of their own, Ryan Ferguson held off his man well on the right-wing before drilling the ball into Player/Manager Raymond Rennie who fired across Jason MacDonald in the Newtonmore net to make it 2-1. Newtonmore kept up the pressure for most of the first half but were kept quiet by a resolute Lovat defence, the Kiltarlity side weren't without their chances though Lewis Bryson putting one agonisingly wide of MacDonald's left hand post 10 minutes from half-time.

The remainder of the half came and went and both sets of players, and indeed the officials would have been glad to get some rest out of the baking sun. The second half started much as the first had ended, some half chances here and there but nothing to get either sets of fans too excited. That was until the 62nd minute when MacLeod picked up the ball, ran down the right wing and lashed a shot high into the opposite corner for 3-1. Four minutes later and it was four for 'More after Evan Menzies was taken out in the D – Glen MacKintosh stepped up to fire home his second of the match from the penalty spot.

Ten minutes from time and Newtonmore bagged another – Menzies, who wore the number 4 in memory of his best friend Andy MacKintosh, with his second of the game after the Lovat defence failed to clear from a corner. With that goal, what energy remained in Lovat legs seemed to fade and three minutes later MacKintosh grabbed his hat-trick, finishing from a tight angle after getting the ball broke to the by-line from a botched clearance. Charlie Ferguson put the cherry on the icing on the cake after Glen MacKintosh – double marked at this point – found him with the freedom of Smith Park on the edge of the D to pick his spot in MacMillan's bottom left corner.

In fairness to Lovat, despite the score line they continued to battle away, they just came up against a 'More side that was too strong on the day and John Matheson brought the game to a close at Newtonmore 7-1 Lovat. All that was left was for Newtonmore Captain James Ross to collect the Strathdearn Cup from Camanachd Association Director Kirsty Deans and lift it high in the air much to the delight of his teammates.



SOLD OUT TULLOCH HOMES CAMANACHD CUP FINAL PROVIDES RICH ENTERTAINMENT AND LATE DRAMA...

Saturday 17th September saw the shinty world flock to the sold out 2022 Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup Final in Kingussie. The final saw Kingussie take on Lovat at The Dell and was supported by a week long festival of events spearheaded by the Final Fling post-match concert.

Deek Cameron got the game underway following a shower of rain which had left the immaculate pitch slick, perfect conditions for a game. Almost immediately from throw up, the first chance landed at the feet of Lewis Tawse, the Lovat man unable to get a clean strike away from the right hand side of the D – the ball skipping past Bob MacGregor's post. Kingussie returned the favour seconds later, Roddy Young pushed the ball into the centre, broke free of his man, but fired wide from 25 yards.

On the 14 minute mark the first major chance came with Lovat's Marc MacLachlan impressively holding off a couple of defenders before sliding the ball to Greg Matheson. Matheson ran onto the ball and leathered a shot towards the bottom right from close range, only to be denied by MacGregor.

It was Kingussie that took the lead on the 27th minute though, a Ruaridh Anderson corner was lifted into Captain Savio Genini who shrugged off his man and fired beyond Stuart MacDonald despite the Lovat keeper getting a stick to it. Soon after and it could have been two, Roddy Young

darted past his man and drove into the box, the ball deflected back to Anderson who was denied by a great stop from MacDonald. That chance proved to be the final talking point of the 1st half and Deek Cameron brought the teams in at 1-0.

Lovat started brightly in the 2nd half with Matheson firing just wide of the far post after some delightful linkup play down the left hand side. Again Lovat came and after making a great save with his hand from a long distance Calum MacAulay drive, Kingussie 'Keeper MacGregor then had red and blue hearts in mouths as he ran the ball 25 yards up the pitch, Lovat however, were unable to gain the possession that would surely have meant a goal.

Undeterred, MacGregor made another great save just moments later as a Callum Cruden hit looped up and sank dangerously towards the Kingussie net. Soon after, Lovat's pressure paid off, a corner sailed over to the opposite side where Fraser Heath took on his man and drove a ball back across to the corner taker MacAulay who cracked a powerful shot over MacGregor's head from outside the D – a well worked corner routine from the Kiltarlity based side.

The game became a very physical contest after the equaliser with neither side creating too much – that was until the final 10 minutes of the game. Heath collected the ball with his back to goal, moved it side to side to create a half yard and rifled one at the Kingussie goal – MacGregor made a smart save to deny him though. The game seemed destined for extra-time when Roddy Young picked the pocket of a Lovat centre and drove up the line in what was one of the truly great moments in recent shinty. Despite a few attempts, no man, (or stick) could bring Young down and after covering upwards of 40 yards he slid the ball in-field to James Falconer who took a touch to control it before firing expertly into the bottom corner. 2-1 in the 88th minute and the Kingussie crowd went wild as they closed in on their 24th Camanachd Cup triumph.

Kingussie weren't done there though – 3 minutes later Genini skipped in field from the left wing and powered one at goal, the initial attempt was saved by MacDonald but there was





little he could do to stop the rebound from the onrushing Young – a goal to mark what was an incredible personal display from him.

With that Deek Cameron brought an end to the 126th Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup Final and Kingussie were once again crowned champions of Scotland. The Albert Smith Medal was presented to King's Keeper Bob MacGregor for a stellar performance in nets.

Both sides put on an impressive display of character, passion and courage throughout the day but in the end it was

Kingussie who proved to have the quality to etch their name upon the famous trophy once more.

Congratulations also must go to referee Deek Cameron and his team of officials without whom occasions like this simply would not be possible.

Commiserations to Lovat who have shown remarkable consistency appearing in 5 of the last 7 Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup Finals and we expect we will be seeing a lot more of them over the coming years.



REFLECTION ON THE FINAL FLING



The idea to bid for a Camanachd Cup Final first surfaced during the half hour after Beaulie had won a Balliemore Cup Final on the Dell in 2015. The Balliemore Final had been particularly exciting with a 5-3 score line and as members of the Kingussie Club stood around they started speculating as to whether the Dell could host a Camanachd Cup Final. At the forefront of the suggestion were Russell Jones and Jimmy Gow. It had been 1999 since Kingussie had last hosted a Camanachd Cup Final.

It didn't take long to prepare a bid, and by 2016 Kingussie had asked the Camanachd Association if the 2020 Camanachd Final could be held at the Dell.

The vision to add some after-match entertainment was entirely Russell Jones's, and some initial communication with Gary Innes, Keir Gibson and the Manager of Peat & Diesel, Robert Hicks, confirmed that it could be possible.

Kingussie were formally told in July 2019 that they were being offered the 2020 Camanachd Cup Final, and what followed was an intense six months of learning what infrastructure, licences, and ticketing would be required to put on the cup final with a major concert in the evening.

By February 2020, Manran, Peat & Diesel, and Keir Gibson had all confirmed they would play, and the contracts were signed. All that was needed was a name for the concert. There were many suggestions, most of them with the name the Dell built in to them, but when Kingussie supporter, David Dunn, suggested "The Final Fling" it was clear that it was the perfect title.

The Kingussie Committee made the decision in February 2020 to go ahead and launch the tickets. It was a careful decision as it was clear that a considerable number of tickets



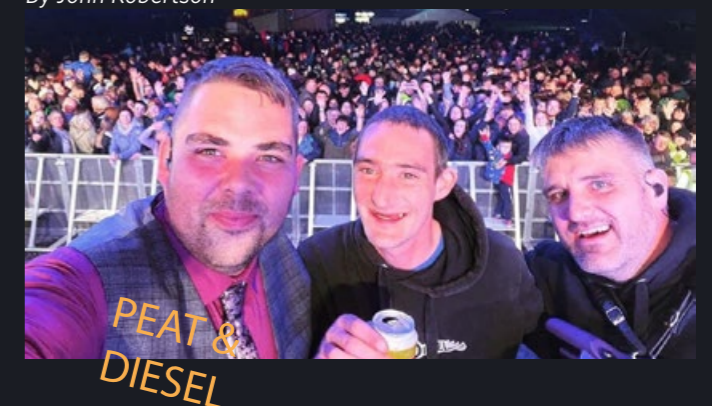
would need to be sold for the Final Fling to "break-even". Tickets sales were healthy for the first couple of weeks in March 2020, but then the Covid-19 lock-down struck and the ticket sales ceased for two years.

Ticket sales were re-launched in the Spring of 2022 and the event took off. Much of the success of the Final Fling comes down to the marketing skills of Katie Moneagle who produced some exceptional social media video promotions. By the time the day approached, Kingussie had secured a place in the Cup Final, and enough tickets had been sold to make the event a success. The Final Fling concert turned out to be an incredible evening with a couple of thousand people enjoying an evening of traditional music and celebration.

Did Russell Jones achieve his vision of putting on the biggest event ever seen in Badenoch? Yes, without question.

The Kingussie Club is indebted to Keir Gibson, Manran, Peat & Diesel, and Limelights.

By John Robertson



TWO WINS IN IRELAND FOR SCOTLAND U17'S

Read below match reports from the successful Sitekit Scotland U17 Tour of Ireland that took place in July...

Scotland Open With Tour Win

Scotland under-17 opened this year's Sitekit Ireland Tour with (7-10) 31-18 (3-9) win over Offaly under-16 at O'Connor Park on Monday 25 July 2022.

A goal from Oban Camanachd's Louie MacFarlane along with points from Cam Stephen, Archie MacRae and Cam Stephen again gave the Scots an early (1-3) 6-0 (0-0) lead.

Taylor Matheson and an Archie MacRae brace with a single point from Euan MacCormick added to Scotland's points count to make it (4-4)16-0 (0-0) before Offaly pulled a couple of points back.

Offaly added a third point before Euan MacCormick got his second point with Louie MacFarlane adding another to make the half-time score Offaly (0-3) 3-18 (4-6) Scotland.

An Ireland point and a Brodie MacBean point came early in the second half before Iain Fraser scored Scotland's fifth goal and the visitors now led (5-7) 22-4 (0-4).

An Iain Fraser point and a third point from Euan MacCormick before Finlay "Stork" MacLennan found the net with two more Irish points making it (6-9) 27-6 (0-6).

Finlay "Stork" MacLennan and a first goal from Offaly made it (7-9) 30-9 (1-6).

Offaly rallied adding two more goals and three more points to make it (7-9) 30-18 (3-9).



However Cam Stephen added his third point to make the final score Offaly (3-9) 18-31 (7-10) Scotland.

Finlay Fraser was named Sitekit man of the match.

Scotland under-17 from: Calum Nicolson (Skye Camanachd); Thomas MacKinnon (Beauly), Coll MacKay (Inveraray); Sean MacLellan (Fort William), Finlay Fraser (Glengarry); George Taylor-Ramsay (Kingussie): Finlay "Stork" MacLennan (Beauly), Euan MacCormick (Beauly) (captain), Aidan Love (Kilmallie); Cam Stephen (Fort William), Craig MacDonald (Fort William), Taylor Matheson (Skye Camanachd); Louie MacFarlane (Oban Camanachd), Archie MacRae (Kinlochshiel); subs Jack Nelson (Strathspey), Brodie MacBean (Newtonmore), Marcus Planck (Bute), Iain Fraser (Kingussie)



Young Scots Win Again

The young Scots followed up their win over Offaly with a (3-3) 12-22 (5-7) victory over Dublin under-16 at Parnell Park on Tuesday 26 July 2022.

This annual clash had been suspended for the last two years due to covid

Scotland under-21 Head Coach Alan MacRae made three changes to his starting line-up from the previous evening's win over Offaly with Jack Nelson, Marcus Planck and Brodie MacBean replacing Coll MacKay, Finlay "Stork" MacLennan and Louie MacFarlane.

It was clear that Scotland had benefited from the previous evening's game as they took the early initiative with Archie MacRae notching a point and then scoring a goal.

Craig MacDonald had a goal disallowed but another Archie MacRae point meant Scotland led (1-2) 5-0 (0-0).

Craig MacDonald added a point to Scotland's tally before Dublin pulled a couple of points back to make the interval score Dublin (0-2) 2-6 (1-3) Scotland.

Archie MacRae got the first point of the second half before Brodie MacBean scored a goal to extend Scotland's lead to (2-4) 10-2 (0-2).

Finlay Fraser scored his first point of the tour with Taylor Matheson adding another before Louie MacFarlane scored his second goal of the tour to give Scotland a (3-6) 15-2 (0-2) lead.

Dublin responded by pulling a point and two goals back so Scotland's lead was cut to (3-6) 15-9 (2-3). However Archie

MacRae scored his second goal of the match to thwart any hopes of a fight-back.

Iain Fraser's goal followed by Craig MacDonald's second point and a late Dublin goal made the final score Dublin (3-3) 12-22 (5-7) Scotland.

Craig MacDonald was named Sitekit man of the match.

Scotland under-17 from: Calum Nicolson (Skye Camanachd); Thomas MacKinnon (Beauly), Jack Nelson (Strathspey); Sean MacLellan (Fort William), Finlay Fraser (Glengarry), George Taylor-Ramsay (Kingussie); Marcus Planck (Bute), Euan MacCormick (Beauly) (captain), Aidan Love (Kilmallie); Cam Stephen (Fort William), Craig MacDonald (Fort William), Taylor Matheson (Skye Camanachd); Brodie MacBean (Newtonmore), Archie MacRae (Kinlochshiel); subs Louie MacFarlane (Oban Camanachd), Iain Fraser (Kingussie), Finlay "Stork" MacLennan (Beauly), Coll MacKay (Inveraray)

U17's coach and Youth Director Willie MacDonald said: *'The trip was a great success and the team played in two fantastic stadiums in Offaly and Dublin which will live with them for a long time and enjoyed two great wins against quality opposition.*

The team also visited Croke Park and enjoyed a magnificent tour of the Stadium.

All the players were a credit to the CA, their respective clubs and their families with exemplary behaviour throughout the trip - I'm sure they will all want to get the opportunity at the next level to represent their country and will be doing everything they can to achieve this'

COL GLEN ARE INAUGURAL SINGLE TEAM CUP COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to Col Glen Shinty Club, winners of the inaugural Single Team Club Competition, defeating a valiant Glengarry by two goals to one in an exciting match at Taynuilt.

Glengarry got off to a dream start with Captain Nick Dalgety putting them ahead in the third minute with a well taken goal from inside the box. Col Glen eased themselves into the game thereafter and with three minutes remaining in the 1st half Andrew MacVicar levelled the match.



Glengarry started the second half on the front foot and were camped in the Col Glen half for long spells, only wayward shooting and stout defending was letting them down. Col Glen weathered the storm and then started to ask questions at the other end where they found 'Garry Keeper Gordy MacDonald in inspired form, indeed both keepers performed heroics all afternoon.

Just as in the 1st half with three minutes remaining before Extra Time, Jamie MacVicar managed to get the ball past MacDonald from the edge of the box to give Col Glen the lead. The match remained on a knife edge until Referee Lachie Wood blew for Full time.

Following the game Col-Glen Manager Ronnie MacVicar said: "We hung on in the 2nd half and then created enough chances to get the winner and I think we deserved it on the day. The Glengarry keeper was absolutely outstanding today. The boys stick together even when they are under the cosh and I couldn't be more proud!"

When Camanachd Association President Steven MacKenzie handed the trophy to Col Glen Captain Andrew MacVicar it ended a 32 year wait for the Argyllshire team to lift a National Trophy.



HIGHLAND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES

you're in the right place!

Kirkwall
01856 874325
orkney@hisltd.co.uk

KIRKWALL

Elgin
01343 547561
elgin@hisltd.co.uk

INVERNESS

ELGIN

TURRIFF

Fort William
01397 705159
ftwm@hisltd.co.uk

FORT WILLIAM

DUNDEE

Turriff
01888 560375
turriff@hisltd.co.uk

PERTH

Dundee
01382 454344
dundee@hisltd.co.uk

HEAD OFFICE

36 Seafiled Road
Longman Industrial Estate
Inverness
IV1 1SG

T: 01463 239160
F: 01463 233424

Mon - Fri: 06:30 - 17:30
Saturday: 06:30 - 17:00
Sunday: 10:00 - 16:00

Perth
01738 631641
perth@hisltd.co.uk

01463 239160 www.hisltd.co.uk sales@hisltd.co.uk

Scotland's largest independent industrial supply group. Specialising in:

- Agriculture & Fencing
- Workwear & PPE
- Plant & Civil Engineering
- Fishing & Camping
- Hand Tools
- Scaffolding
- Trailers
- Equestrian
- Power Tools
- Building Supplies
- Screws & Fixing
- Cleaning & Catering
- Welding & Engineering
- Ironmongery
- Adhesives & Sealants
- Homewares



RUSSWOOD
selected sustainable timber
FLOORING • CLADDING • DECKING

Russwood Ltd, Station Sawmill,
Newtonmore, Scotland, PH20 1AR
T: 01540 673 648 E: mail@russwood.co.uk
www.russwood.co.uk



KINLOCHSHIEL LADIES ARE MOWI WCA CHALLENGE CUP CHAMPIONS

Fears of thunderstorms were greatly exaggerated much to the relief of everyone in attendance at The Eilan for the MOWI Women's Cup Final Day. In the early evening Badenoch Ladies were to face off against holders Skye Ladies for the MOWI Valerie Fraser Camanachd Cup, but, the first order of the day was to determine the fate of the MOWI Challenge Cup Final.

Joint record all-time winners Lovat were to face Kinlochshiel who were appearing in their first major final, that didn't tell the full story of the clash though - Shiel were in the midst of a great season, one which saw them in 2nd place in MOWI North Division 2 ahead of throw-up, some three places ahead of their opponents.

The opening period of the game was a pretty tense affair with neither side showing the cutting edge required to break into the lead. That was until Beth Murphy hit a lovely ball from the centre in behind the Lovat backline, allowing Lorna MacRae to slip the ball beyond Carrie Rennie in the Lovat nets to give Shiel the lead.

One was soon two as Ellie MacLean pushed a ball up the wing which was intelligently dummied by Lexi MacKenzie, Lorna MacRae out strengthened her marker and left Rennie with no chance as she rifled a shot high into the net for two nil.

It could have been more than two at half-time if truth be told but Lovat held resolute - Carrie Rennie making a number of good stops throughout the first half to keep the Kiltarlity side in touching distance.

The second half began with the intensity you would expect from a cup final and it wasn't too long before Lorna MacRae bagged her hat-trick. Again Lexi MacKenzie was heavily involved, this time drilling it into MacRae who flicked the ball beyond her marker and cracked a wicked half-volley beyond the keeper.

Lovat continued to battle away defensively and despite not making too many chances themselves were able to keep Shiel at arm's length for a period of time - aided by Rennie in nets who continued to have a great game. Lexi MacKenzie had other ideas though, not satisfied with an assist, she got herself a goal - slipping the ball



beyond Rennie after a smart block by MacRae saw the ball run through to her.

With around half the second period still to play there were some fears that the floodgates may open but credit to Lovat who dug in and despite the scoreline gave a great account of themselves for the rest of the match, managing to limit Kinlochshiel to half chances mostly, with any real danger being dealt with expertly by Rennie.

With that the game was brought to a close and Kinlochshiel were crowned MOWI Challenge Cup Champions at the first time of asking, Captain Maree MacKenzie lifting the trophy high above her head in victory. The Woman of the Match award was given to Lovat keeper Carrie Rennie for a fantastic display that ensured her team were not humbled.



BADENOCH LADIES WRESTLE BACK MOWI WCA VALERIE FRASER CAMANACHD CUP TROPHY

Saturday 3rd September saw Badenoch Ladies and Skye Ladies once again do battle in the MOWI WCA Valerie Fraser Camanachd Cup Final.

Going into the game both teams were in good form with Badenoch unbeaten and Skye only losing one game all season – at the hands of their opponents on the day. 2019 saw Skye win the Valerie Fraser and Badenoch win the league but Badenoch duo Zoe Reid and Rhona McIntyre were keen to “do the double this year” in their pre-match interview.

Des McNulty got the game started at The Eilan and despite some early pressure from Badenoch the first nine minutes went by with no significant saves from Sarah Jane Ferguson in the Skye net. In the 10th minute however, Kirsty Deans found the ball on the edge of the D from a corner and hit a calm backhand beyond the keeper. 3 minutes later and Ferguson made a fantastic save with her foot from Jeanette McGregor who fired across her from a tight angle.

In the 22nd minute we saw the best of Ferguson again as Deans broke free from her marker and hit a whippet of a backhand strike which the Skye stopper knocked behind for a corner. 7 minutes later and Skye capitalised on one of their few chances at that stage, Holly MacLean rocketing beyond McGregor in the Badenoch net to make it 1-1. The lead didn't last long however, as in the 32nd minute Kirsty Deans picked up a loose ball and drove it towards the Skye net, it appeared to take a bobble as it approached the keeper and left Ferguson all at sea. Skye's response though was instant. Elizabeth McGregor made a good save but Caitlin MacLean followed up on the rebound and pushed it beyond her for the equaliser. Both sides battled away for the remainder of the half but McNulty brought it to a close at honours even.



Not long into the second half there was a bit of confusion as Kirsty Deans struck a good shot which hit off the stanchion and rebounded out – Ferguson in the Skye net kept playing but both Kirsty and Laura MacKay were adamant that it was a goal and McNulty heeded the advice of the latter and it was Badenoch 4-3 Skye – a Kirsty Deans hat-trick. In the 58th minute Skye levelled the scores up again with a sneaky finish at the keepers near post from Holly MacLean. Once again however, Kirsty Deans ran on to a through ball from the centre and slipped it beyond Ferguson – 3-4!

As the game entered the final third – Kirsty Deans broke onto the ball again, and bagged her 5th of the game, giving Badenoch a 2 goal lead for the first time in the game. Zoe Reid struck at the death to make it Badenoch 6-3 Skye and the final portion of the game ebbed away without any major event. Sarah Jane Ferguson was given the woman of the match award after a staunch performance in goal for the islanders. McNulty drew the game to a close and Badenoch Ladies were crowned MOWI WCA Valerie Fraser Camanachd Cup Champions for the third time in their history.

Congratulations to all involved.

RETURN TO COMPETITIVE WOMEN'S SHINTY SPELLS DELIGHT FOR ALL

After the last two years of coming through the Pandemic, 2022 eventually saw the return to competitive Women's shinty in which has been such a joy to us all. The season started with a full fixture list, however what was to be, was really out of our hands, it got off to a great start, but after a few games there was some doubt with a rise of COVID which really put the fixtures into jeopardy, however it is with great relief and delight that we managed to fulfil our league fixtures and cup campaigns.

With the season now closed, Congratulations must go to Badenoch-winning the Mowi National league, Glenurquhart-winning Mowi North Division 2, Ardnamurchan-winning Mowi South 2 and Inverness-winning the Mowi Development league finals. Most of all thanks go to all the competing clubs, players, coaches and members for working together and making this season work, with the unknown that lay before us, I must show my thanks to our clubs for showing great compassion and consideration to each other, which helped us to get through this together.

Both the Mowi Valerie Fraser and Mowi Challenge Cup took place this year after a 2 year break. Massive thanks goes to Newtonmore Camanachd for helping us host a spectacular cup final, after the few years we have experienced it was a joy to see the sides of The Eilan filled with people all supporting our game and the two finals were a positive promotion to the game, thank you to all the committee and the events crew for their hard work in making this day happen. Thanks also to our officials, to whom without them it just wouldn't be possible. Congratulations to all 4 teams, Kinlochshiel, Lovat, Badenoch and Skye for making it to the finals, providing us with two end to end games. Congratulations to the Mowi Challenge Cup Winners; Kinlochshiel and Mowi Valerie Fraser winners Badenoch. The Development League finals saw Inverness, Glenurquhart and Kinlochshiel qualify to play a round robin final with Inverness coming out as winners of the Development league; Congratulations to Inverness.

A special mention to Badenoch in lifting the Women's double this year, well done to all involved at the club, a great achievement.

It was unfortunate that there was no Women's representative shinty this year, we had no idea how this year was going to pan out with the Pandemic, once the restrictions had been lifted the committee felt there was little time and available space in the calendar to play these games or to allow for a fair and inclusive selection process, however we plan to have them all reintroduced in 2023.

It was great to see the return of the Shinty Camp at Kilgraston, thanks to Katie Drain for coordinating and organising. The camp had 43 girls training and most importantly having fun over the weekend, there was lots of positive feedback from the weekend, thanks to all the coaches who made this possible. The camp is already provisionally booked for July 2023.

The WCA are indebted to MOWI for another year sponsorship of the Women's leagues, cups and camp, their support is invaluable to our game. We thank you MOWI.

Thanks to Peter Gow who continued his sponsorship of the Player of the Match award at the Finals.

By Karen Williamson, WCA Vice President



WOMEN'S SHINTY CAMP 2022

On Friday 7th July 2022 46 young ladies made their way from various points all over Scotland to Kilgraston School in Perthshire for the annual Residential Shinty Camp.



Once the health and safety chat, room allocation and fire test had been done everyone gathered in the common room. The girls were then all split into teams for some team building activities which involved some shinty rounders and basketball.

Saturday morning brought lots of smiley faces. A full day of shinty was planned with defensive drills in the morning followed by lunch and some hitting practice. The girls were beginning to come out their shells and the communication was happening on the shinty pitch (not just in the corridors after midnight). A break in the afternoon to do some yoga before dinner was welcomed with muscles starting to fatigue. After a fantastic BBQ dinner the girls headed back outside for the evening 6 aside tournament.

Split into teams some fantastic matches took place over 2 pitches with Dublin taking the victory and bragging rights for the evening. Day 3 brought some forward related drills in the morning and 10-a-side games in the afternoon before it was time to head home. Parents were welcomed to attend to watch the games and also be present for the final prize giving.

The weekends awards were given to:

6-a-side winners; Dublin

10-a-side winners; Team Orange

Skills Winners; Lexy Anne Macleod, Rowan Cooper, Jess Nagle, Rowan Brockie

Most Endeavour Award; Layla Orr-McIntrye

Most Improved: Isabella Langlands

Player of the Camp: Ruby Macleod

Thanks go to the group of amazing volunteer coaches, without who the weekend would not have been a success; Niamh Donnelly, Caitlin Mutch, Alaina Macleannan, Lee Thompson, Kirsty Deans.

“IF YOU’RE BRAVE ENOUGH TO PICK UP A STICK, YOU SHOULD BE BRAVE ENOUGH TO PICK UP A WHISTLE”



Caitlin, how are you getting on – just how excited are you that shinty is back in a full season?
I’m doing well, I am very excited to see how this season goes..

Can you tell us a little bit about your time as a shinty ambassador, what did you gain from that experience?
Being a shinty ambassador really helped me develop my leadership, communication and willingness to learn, this has all really helped me going forward in my education and I feel is one of the reasons I have been given as many opportunities that I have been offered.

This Saturday you made another milestone in your shinty career by refereeing Caberfeidh vs Kingussie in MOWI North Division 1 – how did you find that?
Refereeing a senior shinty match was definitely a bit intimidating, I have refereed before but not at this level but it was definitely something that made me proud by the end of the match. Refereeing definitely allows you to gain a bit more respect for those that have been doing it for years.

On Sunday to top off a shinty filled weekend you played for Inverness against Skye in MOWI WCA National Division. How did the game go, what did you make of the step up to the National?
The game against Skye was a good one, they are a very well established side in the National league so for us to come away with a 2-0 loss at the start of the season was a good result. However the girls did come away thinking we could have done more which to me shows the determination we have as a team. I think for Inverness to make that step is definitely a big one but one that needed to happen, it allows us to have a team in the North league and allows the girls that deserve game time and a chance to play at a high and competitive level a chance and allows for the some of our girls to take a leading roles in a team which should allow them to progress.

What are your goals for the rest of the season in terms of playing?
My goals for playing this season is to try to play as many games as possible and try to make improvements in my own game by playing against the best. I want to progress my game in goals and we are really aiming to get positive results out of every-game we play. I also want to help develop the players around me and become a strong unit.



What would you say to anyone who was considering refereeing?
I would say if you have the bravery to pick up a stick, you should also be brave enough to pick up a whistle. I think everyone should try to referee at some point, it shows how much respect we should be giving to officials of the game. I would say if you want to try it definitely get involved somehow, referees are needed at every level of the game so starting out with youth games allows you to get a grips with it.

Following this interview, Caitlin would go on to officiate at the Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup Final in Kingussie and help guide Inverness to a mid-table finish in the WCA MOWI National Division.





GAELIC YOUTH THRIVES

Promoting the use of Gaelic in shinty has been at the heart of Iomain Cholmille's work since it started in 2007.

2022 was the busiest year yet with 6 events. 4 legs of Cupa Iomain na h-Òige were held in Bishopbriggs, Strathpeffer, Portree and Acharacle. The first three coincided with World Gaelic Week 2022.

Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu, Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Inbhir Nis, Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Phort Rìgh and Bun-sgoil Àth Tharracail won the competitions on the park respectively, whilst Bun-sgoil Ghleann Dail, Craighill Primary (Tain), Stafainn/Kilmuir and Acharacle won Duaisean na Gàidhlig for Gaelic usage and ethos.

In addition, there was a Gaelic development day in Ullapool which was hosted by Camanachd Leòdhais which drew Nairn and Ross-shire young people and had coaching and a blitz tournament won by Na Leòdhasaich.

There was also the revival of Farpais nan Gàidheal as a secondary age tournament run by Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu which was won by SGG, beating Inverness Royal Academy and Camanachd Dhùn Èideann.



In all almost 250 young people took part in these events using Gaelic in a fun and sporting manner.

Thanks to the Camanachd Association, Comunn na Gàidhlig, and all host clubs and schools for their support.

Cupa Iomain na h-Òige receives funding from Bòrd na Gàidhlig.

PRINCESS ANNE VISITS KYLES ATHLETIC



HRH Princess Anne paid a visit to Neil Blair and Sons Workshop in Kames, Tighnabruach in September. During her visit she met three generations of the Blair family who, as well as running their building and joinery business, are one of the last remaining makers of camans. Kyles Camans provide sticks for Kyles Athletic and shinty clubs throughout Scotland. Princess Anne had the opportunity to find out more about this process first hand. She received her very own shinty stick and ball, presented by Neil Blair's granddaughters who play shinty at primary level for Kyles Athletic.

Kyles' Chieftan, Barney Crawford and President, Dan Macrae then met Her Royal Highness answering her questions about Kyles Athletic and the ancient sport of shinty.



CELEBRATING WOMEN & GIRLS IN SHINTY

The WCA and Camanachd Association asked clubs to let us know about some of the amazing women & girls who make their team tick. We have chosen a few of our favourites for you below.

Glenurquhart Shinty Club

Hazel Hunter

Hazel is a leading light in women's shinty at Glen Urquhart and was instrumental in reforming the women's team in 2018.

In that time she has coached and mentored the team to many victories including winning the Challenge Cup in 2018, being awarded Women's Team of the Year 2018 and winning North League 2 in 2022.

A prolific goal scorer, Hazel is an inspiration to the young women on the team with enthusiasm, positivity and boundless energy.

Hazel encourages women and girls to give shinty a go; "it's great to get out on the pitch as part of a team - in training and in matches- everyone's welcome". Hazel says the best moment in her career at Glen Urquhart was scoring a crucial penalty in the last few minutes of the Challenge Cup.

Ishbel Barr

A stalwart of the current team since its formation in 2016 Ishbel is an asset to the club on and off the pitch. When asked about the past few years Ishbel said 'Picking up a caman in my mid 20s was a daunting prospect but with a supportive club, community and teammates I've never looked back. Having 1-1 battles on the pitch and then shaking hands and sharing stories after a game is what makes shinty so special. It's a skilful, physical and mental challenge - but the rewards make it so worth it.'



Glenurquhart Shinty Club

Kingussie Camanachd Club

Kingussie Camanachd would like to mention three committee members as part of Women's week. The trinity of efficiency all play crucial roles in the running of the Club. Together, they have taken the administration of the Club to a new level of commitment. Three true supporters in every sense of the word.



Lorna McGregor spends more time at the Dell than anyone in the Club. From looking after the buildings, running the cafe, and coordinating match days, she carries out a multitude of duties for both the Kingussie Club and the Badenoch Ladies Club. Lorna's roles include Treasurer for both clubs, committee member for both clubs, café convener and all round willing volunteer. She was a very deserved first winner of the Club's Volunteer of the Year award in 2015. Proud mother of the 2022 Albert Smith Medal winner, Rory.



Fiona Young is known for being able to see the "bigger picture" at the Club. Her business experience has brought a new dimension to the running of the Club and she has taken on the part time role of acting as Chair of the Club meetings for some of this season. Fiona is the Club's Media Officer and keeps the Club's supporters up to date with Club activities on a daily basis. Her shinty photography is exceptional and she can be seen snapping all of our teams and opposition every week. The Club's dinner dance and annual awards are organised by Fiona, and she assists with arranging match days every week. Mother of Hot Rod.



Sarah Fraser is the Peat & Diesel fan on the Club's committee. She hails from North Uist, and since joining the Kingussie committee in 2019, she has taken on a leading administrative role. Despite a very busy day job as the Head Teacher of a Primary School, Sarah is always willing to volunteer and regularly fills a range

of roles at the Club from minutes secretary to cafe operative to minibus driver. Her baking for the cafe is considered the best at the Club. She is the voice of reason at the Club and her ability has taken the administration of the Club to a complete new level. A native Gaelic speaker she is very handy when BBC Alba come to the Dell. Mother of one of the Club's most talented teenagers, Iain.



Badenoch Ladies

When considering "Women and Girls in Sport" for Shinty in Badenoch, there are two players who stand out by a mile. Jeanette and Elizabeth McGregor have shown an enthusiasm and unique commitment to shinty since they played in Kingussie's Under-14 team in 2004. They were founding members of the Badenoch Ladies Shinty Club in 2008 and have hardly missed a match since then. In 2022, they both got involved in helping coach Kingussie Primary School Shinty Team and they started an all-girls Primary Team last year.

The Badenoch Ladies Club benefits immensely from having them on the Club's committee, and they also have key roles on the Women's Camanachd Association committee. The dynamic duo are best known, however, for being two of the best players in the women's game over the last 15 years, and they are both international players.

This year they played a large part in the Badenoch Ladies Club winning both the Premier League and the Valerie Fraser Cup in the same season, for the first time in the Club's history. Jeanette is the younger of the two sisters, but not by much! The twins used to both play in defence but Jeanette has now graduated in to a fine full forward, who regularly scores well worked goals, for someone in their thirties. If she would play with both hands on the shinty stick, she would be twice the player.

Elizabeth meanwhile has graduated to goalkeeper, and is known for having reactions as sharp as her tongue. She has a laid back approach to goalkeeping but can wake up when required to. Her hit outs are the best in the sport.

The thunder and lightning of the Badenoch team, they are known for their sharp wit and humour especially on the minibus journeys. Their commitment to the sport of women's shinty is unrivalled.

Dunoon Camanachd

This Scottish Women & Girls in Sport Week we'd like to shout about Abbey Anderson.

At our recent Prizegiving, Abbey was awarded the club's Sportsmanship award. What can we say, this should say sports super womanship. Abbey will assist at training when needed, turn up to support the under 14's team when she doesn't play for them and she supported the South Under 14

Trials in awful weather. If we need encouragement to get a team together, Abbey is your woman, always encouraging others and promoting the club and the game. A fantastic shinty ambassador! Thank you for all you do for the club Abbey!

Beaully Shinty Club

Emily & Skye have both been training with the club since p1, both enjoy their shinty & more than hold their own against the boys.

Marci, on the left, loves shinty, her first word was shinty... and hopes to play for a long time - she says it has a very special place in her heart!



Kinlochshiel Shinty Club



Sandra MacRae, not only our very own Kinlochshiel Ladies Shinty Players Mum but a dedicated mother to two lovely girls, wife to an awesome shinty player, newly qualified teacher and coordinator for our ladies team. Sandra's massive enthusiasm and support for Kinlochshiel Shinty Club and her command of the Gaelic language is often called upon when media interviews are asked for.

Glasgow Mid Argyll

GMA asked some of their players to reflect on their time in shinty. We have included a couple below:

"My role at GMA this year has shown me that I can add value to the club and help to influence the development of shinty as a whole, without having to be the best players. This thinking has been a positive attitude to bring to my life off the pitch and has given me the confidence to start coaching primary age shinty."

I have enjoyed helping to develop pathways for girls in the feeder primary clubs to keep them engaged with shinty. I have learned a lot about what is involved both on and off the pitch to keep the club running as well!

Helping to develop other players by creating the right opportunities has been very rewarding and I have built a network of contacts with other teams."

Grace Mair

"Throughout university, shinty allowed me to meet new people and helped me feel more at home in Glasgow, as well as growing my confidence with captaining the team. Through playing uni shinty, I joined up with GMA and have been at the club ever since."

Shinty and sport has always played a huge role in both my physical and mental health. No matter how my day has been, I always feel in a better mindset after training/exercise."

Sport, and the support of teammates, has had such a positive role in my life and helped me through some tough times. Nothing like an 8 hour round trip for a shinty game to help with team bonding!"

Catrina Stark



YOUNG SHINTY AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME CONTINUES TO THRIVE...

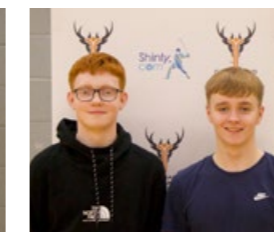
The school year 2021-22 saw 14 schools involved in the Shinty Ambassador programme, the highest number in the programme's history. Young people involved in the programme completed their Foundation Coaching Course as a result of the project with a number also becoming qualified officials. 100% of Ambassadors evaluated that they found the training day "extremely worthwhile".

A confidence increase was seen across the board throughout the programme from all Ambassadors while delivering coaching sessions and running shinty events.

This work has already had a real impact on the ground with the Ambassadors working closely with schools to deliver training sessions for younger pupils, officiating at both school and youth events, coaching school teams at festivals and competitions and volunteering at a number of CA events (including Shinty World Cup, MacTavish Final, UHI Cup, Tulloch Cup, MacBean Cup). It is hoped that as the ambassadors move beyond secondary education they will continue their shinty development journey and will be advocates for the sport both locally and across the country.



Ardnamurchan
Layla Orr-Mcintyre
Katie Connelly



Bishopbriggs
Aaran Byrne
Cailean MacLeod



Plockton
Mia Carvill



Dunoon
Abbey Anderson
Anna Nicolson



Uddingston
Christie Robertson
Brendan Sweeney
Ally Grantham



Grantown
Joe Paterson
Thea Stronarch



Portree
Archie Miller



Kilchuemin
Erin Maclean
Jack West



Lochaber
Alexander McNivin

PRIMARY SCHOOLS FLOCK TO BUGHT PARK FOR SHINTY WORLD CUP

On the 8th September 2022, Bught Park in Inverness was host once again to the 'Shinty World Cup' North. This is the second time this competition has been played in 2022 and it will remain in September from now on, hopefully freeing up some time in the busy May/June shinty calendar. As ever this competition was for primary schools in the North of Scotland. There was 3 entry categories which were;
Primary 7 and Under Competition for Established Schools
Primary 7 and Under Competition for Emerging Schools
Primary 5 and Under Super 6's Competition

There were 26 teams there on the day and 208 young people taking part. Five pitches were set up and were manned by excellent volunteers.

For the P4/5 and P6/7 Establish school groups there were 2 groups with the top 2 teams in each group progressing to the semi-final stage. The P6/7 Development section saw the top 2 teams from the group progress to the final.

In the P4/5 section semi-finals Tomnacross who finished top of their group took on Hilton, and Alvie who topped their section took on Kingussie. In the P6/7 Established section, 3 teams tied on 10 points in group 2 so a playoff game had to take place. Having been pulled out a hat, Alvie progressed straight to the semi-final stage with BSGP and GlenUrquhart having to play off for the other spot. After a close game, GlenUrquhart won through and would face Tomnacross who topped group 1. Alvie then were set up to face Kingussie in the other semi-final. In the P6/7 Emerging group, Glengarry and Banavie progressed to the final - with the group game between them very close, the final was sure to be just as exciting.

Following the semi-finals the finalist teams were;

Primary 7 Established:	Primary 7 Emerging;	Primary 5 Super 6's;
Tomnacross V Kingussie	Banavie V Glengarry	Hilton V Alvie

All of the finals were played 7 minutes each way. Tomnacross took on Kingussie in the P7 Established Final. It was a very close game with both teams having chances to score. Some excellent play by the Tomnacross side who worked seamlessly together meant they came away with the victory. A fantastic day for Tomnacross, remaining undefeated throughout the whole day.

Banavie and Glengarry played out in the Emerging Schools final with some fantastic skills by both teams on show. Glengarry battled hard but couldn't stop Banavie scoring the vital goal to give them a victory and take the trophy back to Banavie Primary for the first time. Glengarry were runners up in this event in June as well and it was fantastic to see them in the final once again.

Hilton and Alvie then had a very entertaining game in the P5 and Under final. Both teams had chances to score and there was some great teamwork by both squads. Alvie scored the goals that mattered though, and after finishing runners up in this event before the summer holiday, now took home the trophy.

Medals to all finalists were presented by Camanachd Association Shinty Ambassadors.

Lots of thanks have to go out to individuals, as without a vast number of volunteers and staff this day would not have been able to go ahead.

Firstly to Mike MacLeod and his team at the Bught for the setup of the pitches and the help leading up to the day. To Tina Marshall for taking fabulous photos all day throughout all pitches and to Maria Macleod and Laura Mackay who ran the tea hut for the day, providing the players and spectators with refreshments and raising over £150 for Mikeysline in the process.

Huge thanks have to go to all the volunteers from the day who were involved in refereeing and pitch management; Jim Barr, Graham Cormack, John MacRitchie, Alaina MacLennan, Lewis Boag, Katie MacKinnon, Andrew Van Loon, Ruby Fraser, Archie Laird, Dario Marshall, Ali White. Without this group of volunteers this event would not have happened. The support they provided was invaluable and the enthusiasm they came with was a bonus. Thank you all.



2 CHAMPIONS, 1 YEAR - WJ CAMERON U17 DEVELOPMENT CUP

Inverness took on Aberdour on Sunday 27th February to conclude a competition which started in the Summer of 2021. COVID and weather conditions had prevented the match from being played at the tail end of last year, so it was great to see such appetite from both teams who wanted to complete the competition before the start of the 2022 season.

Inverness came away with the spoils on the day after an entertaining encounter between the two sides at the IRA all weather pitch. The tale of the tape was a brace for Lewis Craig, followed by a hat-trick from Skye MacKintosh and a goal from Brodie Campbell, before a consolation goal from eventual Player of the Match Keiran Pritchard for Dour. After the match, Camanachd Association President Steven MacKenzie presented the trophy to the Inverness Captain. All in all, a good game and a delight to see some competitive action on the eve of the 2022 MOWI Leagues returning.

The Camanachd Association were also delighted to be able to present Wendy Chamberlain, MP, with a decanter to mark her time as a Camanachd Association Director before taking her seat in the House of Commons. Wendy was the first female Director of the Camanachd Association. The decanter was presented by former and current Presidents Keith Loades and Steven MacKenzie, respectfully.

The 2022 edition of the competition saw Glasgow Mid Argyll Shinty Club triumph after a convincing win over Ardnamurchan at Mossfield Park, Oban. The trophy was presented by Heritage Director Roddy McCuish.

GMA 6-0 Ardnamurchan
Conal MacDiarmid 4
Cailean Macleod 2



In the U14 Development Final, Dunoon beat Lochaber 2-1. This was a thrilling final and play flowed from end-to-end between two good sides. Lochaber battled to the end but two well taken Thomas Dick goals cancelled out Eva MacDonald's effort to give Dunoon a 2-1 victory.



PERFECT 10! TWO NEW ‘SCHOOLS OF SHINTY’ TAKE THE TOTAL TO DOUBLE FIGURES...



The School of Shinty programme continues to develop into new areas across Scotland. Plockton and Bishopbriggs have become the latest schools to sign-up to the Camanachd Association programme aimed at increasing participation, providing opportunities and developing performance for children of all ages within the school environment.

The programme has seen the development of a Schools of Shinty Accreditation Scheme that has three tiers with an entry level starting at Bronze followed by Silver and Gold. Each level has a minimum criteria of curriculum hours that a school will teach in an academic year. The current Schools of Shinty are:

Grantown Grammar	Kilchuimen	Charleston	Uddingston
Kingussie	Lochaber	Ardnamurchan	Plockton
	Oban	Bishopbriggs	

Plockton High School signed their agreement in June and will go into the programme with support from the local shinty clubs; Kinlochshiel, Lochcarron and South Skye Juniors.

The plans are aimed at ensuring continued growth of shinty within Plockton High School to meet the development aims of both the school and the local clubs. This will include shinty being delivered on the PE curriculum to all S1 and S2 pupils, an extracurricular club being championed by the schools Shinty Ambassadors and participation in Camanachd Association school competitions with a pathway to local club participation and competition at the forefront.

The key aspects of shinty that the School will also incorporate includes:

- Coach education (Staff and pupils)
- Officiating education (Staff members and pupils) delivered

by the Camanachd Association Regional Development Staff with support from the local shinty Clubs.

Announcing the inspired new initiative, Head Teacher Susan Galloway said, “We are excited to be in partnership with the Camanachd Association to become a School of Shinty. The benefits that this will have on not for Plockton High School but the local shinty teams and community are fantastic’

Derek Keir, Chief Executive Officer of the Camanachd Association is delighted with the announcement and said, “Primary School participation is taking off again after a couple of tough years. Sustaining this into secondary schools is a priority for us, and broadening the number of people delivering shinty to young people is key to this. The school of shinty at Plockton does just that.’

Ishbel McLeod from Bishopbriggs said: “It’s been great for our pupils to play their sport for our school in an area that there isn’t a lot of opportunity for this. We have introduced pupils to a sport that they otherwise wouldn’t have known, and created a great shinty community within the school.”



Est. 1959

FERGUSON

TRANSPORT & SHIPPING

LOGISTIC SOLUTIONS, SUCCESSFUL WITH PARTNERS



LOGISTIC SOLUTIONS SUCCESSFUL WITH PARTNERS

General, specialised ADR, forestry, aquaculture, and waste management haulage. Plant and machinery movements.

Lifting gear – a side lift 30 tonne container lifter, heavy lifting 65 tonne crane and mobile 100 tonne crane.

Port, warehousing, and storage facilities available at Corpach, Kishorn, & Mallaig.

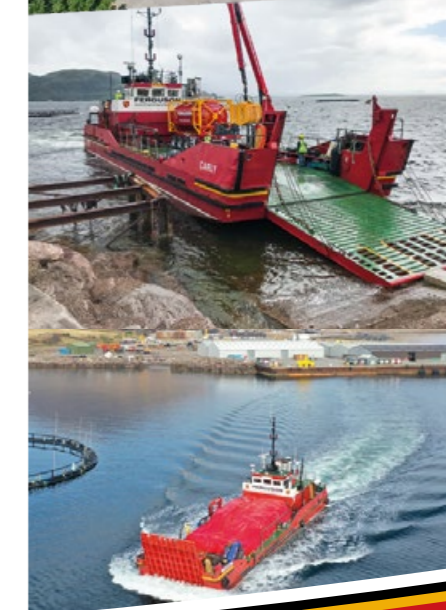
Stevedoring, crange and port handling.

Marine services – O&M, Ro-Ro, cargo movements, support vessels.

To find out more, please contact us:

Tel: 01397 773840

Email: enquiries@fergusontransport.co.uk





CLUBMARK ACCREDITATION SCHEME SEES ADVANCEMENTS

Congratulations to Badenoch Ladies on achieving the Bronze Level of the Camanachd Associations Club Accreditation Scheme. Following a decision at the 2021 AGM to start a Second Team, the Badenoch Ladies Club has worked towards achieving the Bronze Level of accreditation for the Clubmark Scheme. This has included updating documents such as; Code of Conduct, Youth Consent Form, and Development Action Plan. The Club has also worked on a Welcome Pack for parents and families, to help them better understand the ethos of the club and to encourage more youngsters to join up.

Camanachd Association Regional Development Manager, Ronald Ross, presented the Bronze Level Club Accreditation certificate to Badenoch Ladies shinty coach, Scott Campbell in February.

Elsewhere, Oban Camanachd also got their foot on the ClubMark ladder achieving their Foundation Award.

Patrick said he was delighted to receive the award on behalf of the club and would like to thank the CA and Les for helping guide them through the process and stated this also would not be possible without the hard work of the club Committee, volunteers and members who also deserve credit for this award.

Les said: "It is great to see the enthusiasm Pat shows for his club and shinty in general. I am looking forward to working further with Pat and the club in the coming weeks as they only have a few small steps to take before they will achieve their bronze award."

ABERCORN SCHOOL WIN THE 2022 NATIONAL DISABILITY SHINTY FESTIVALS

Aviemore was the venue for the annual Disability First Shinty Festival, which saw Abercorn School from Glasgow emerge as winners.

An impressive 9 teams and 7 schools from Lochaber, Kingussie, Glasgow and North Ayrshire enjoyed coaching from qualified shinty coaches and games throughout the two-day event which culminated in a tournament.

The tournament was played on a round robin format, with all 9 teams playing each other once. The league matches were extremely competitive with some excellent play and great goals scored throughout the day.

Abercorn from Glasgow, the 2018 winners topped the group 1 point ahead of 2019 winners Lockhart Campus.

Camanachd Association Youth Director, Willie MacDonald, said: "This is one of the most rewarding events we hold annually as we are bringing together children who don't get many opportunities to compete in shinty. The event grows in popularity each year, and it was great to see Lochaber High School and Kingussie High School taking part for the first time".



Festival organiser and National Development Manager, Ronald Ross, said: "I would like to thank our festival sponsors the MacPhee Family, Rosemary and Duncan and the Celtic FC Foundation "Inspiring Sport" programme for their support of this hugely enjoyable event."

Scottish Disability Sport CEO, Gavin Macleod, said: "Congratulations to the Camanachd Association on another successful Disability First Shinty Festival and well done to all the schools, coaches and players who participated."



YOUNG STARS SHINE AT THE MACDONALD & CAMERON NATIONAL PLAYER PERFORMANCE CAMP 2022

From Sunday 17th until Thursday 21st July 2022, a record 86 of the country's brightest young shinty prospects, from 29 clubs across Scotland, descended upon Strathallan School in Forgardenny, Perthshire for the 2022 Macdonald & Cameron National Player Performance Camp.

Each player, aged between 14 and 17, had been nominated by their youth or senior Club to take part in the Camp, designed to offer the very best in the technical, tactical, physical and psychological aspects of the game.

Throughout the week, the young players received specialist training from Camanachd Association coaches and International players based around all the key skills, techniques and tactics of the game. The camp started with a number of excellent team building sessions in the glorious summer sunshine.

SAMH (Scottish Association for Mental Health) delivered interactive sessions with the budding shinty players on having conversations around what mental health and wellbeing means for yourself, your team and your club and identify some of the key triggers for poor mental health. Yoga was introduced for the first time at shinty camp and the session proved very popular with everyone. The importance of core stability, correct posture and recovery from training and matches is so important nowadays.

A number of awards were presented at the end of Thursday's session. The award winners were: Player of the Camp: Cam Stephen (Fort William); Most Committed Player: Alexander MacNiven (Kilmallie); Most Improved Player: Brendon Sweeney (Uddingston).

Camanachd Association's National Development Manager, Ronald Ross commented: "The National Player Performance Camp has once again proved a great success. Since its inception over 27 years ago, the camp has helped hundreds of young players from across the country to improve all aspects of their game from the technical to the physical elements of the sport. Following the worldwide pandemic, it was vital that as a sport we returned to delivering a full youth player improvement programme. The camps are also a great way for the participants to meet other aspiring shinty players, forging ties and friendships throughout the sport."



Player of the camp: Cam Stephen - Fort William



Most committed Player: Alexander MacNiven - Kilmallie



Most improved player: Brendon Sweeney - Uddingston

I would also like to say a huge thank you to MacDonald & Cameron for kindly sponsoring this year's Camp.

Event sponsors MacDonald and Cameron said: "We are delighted as a company to have had the opportunity to sponsor the event again and are pleased to hear it has been such a success for all those involved. We wish all the participants the best in the future with their shinty careers."



BEAULIEU RETAIN COTTAGES.COM JUVENILE MACTAVISH CUP

Ahead of the senior final on 11th June, Beaulieu and Kinlochshiel took to the Bught to showcase the best of youth shinty in the North



Both teams came into the game fresh from midweek wins in the Semi-Final, with Shiel beating Inverness 5-0 and Beaulieu winning 5-1 against Fort William. The teams were piped out onto the pitch and assumed their positions before Ally Paterson threw the ball up to start the game. The swollen crowd were boisterous even then and this was a theme throughout the match. Beaulieu had the strong wind at their back to start, however, despite some early pressure it was Kinlochshiel who opened the scoring. A shie from Shiel's Rory Barclay wasn't cleared by the Beaulieu backline, the ball finding its way to Seamus Martin, his low strike was well saved by Lennox Stewart but Archie MacRae (scorer in the 2021 senior final) was the fastest onto the rebound and tucked it neatly in at Stewart's near post.

Beaulieu, while a little shaken, still had the wind and it didn't take them long to get into a kind of rhythm, then in the 28th minute they got the equaliser. Finlay "Stork" MacLennan found Torrin Cairns who was initially well marshalled by Shiel's Arron Jack - however, the ball eventually broke to Callum MacIver whose shot off the defender dropped to Scott Cameron who in turn clipped the ball into the net beyond Calum MacMillan.

A minute later, Beaulieu doubled their lead. Logan Morton picked out Torrin Cairns, grandson of the great Sandy MacKay, who slotted a composed finish inside MacMillan's right hand post.

The remainder of the half came and went without any major incident and although Beaulieu led 2-1 at half-time, Shiel would have the wind in the second half. At the start of the 2nd half Stewart was brought into action quite a few times including an impressive stop and air clearance from a Shiel shie, just as Archie MacRae was lurking for his second of the match. Soon after, Kieran Martin tried from range and Stewart was forced into another solid stop, this time relying on defenders Ewan More and Charlie MacRae to marshal Archie MacRae away from danger. Not long after that Logan Morton hit a ball from the centre into Scott Cameron - his shot from range appeared to take a ricochet off either Callum MacIver for Beaulieu or a Shiel defender and ended up in the back of the net (time for a Camanachd Association dubious goals panel?).

Shiel almost had one back soon after with MacRae's shot saved by Stewart and appearing at the feet of Kieran Martin 3 yards out, however, despite his best efforts the Beaulieu backline were able to deal with the threat. Shiel continued to dominate the territory but weren't able to muster too many shots and those they did let loose were blocked bravely by the Beaulieu backline. Perhaps growing frustrated, Kieran Martin tried one from distance that brought out a good save from Stewart high towards the top left corner - the ball eventually being cleared. That was the last major chance in the game and so it ended 3-1 to Beaulieu who retained the cottages.com MacTavish Juvenile Cup. Beaulieu Captain and Sandy MacKay Medal recipient (MOTM) Finlay "Stork" MacLennan took to the box to receive the trophy from sponsors cottages.com.



SKYE CAMANACHD ARE MACMASTER CHAMPIONS ONCE MORE

The MacMaster Cup final took place on 17th September as a curtain raiser to the Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup Final and the two young teams could scarcely have hoped for a better surface to exhibit their talent with the Dell looking immaculate ahead of the final. Martin MacLean got the game underway and it wasn't long before the first chance of the game, a cross field ball from Skye Captain Ian MacInnes found Calum MacKenzie, who was unfortunate not to score from close range. Newtonmore responded soon after with a chance of their own, a well worked free hit coming the way of James Coyle, who was denied smartly by Archie Buchan in the Skye goal.

The two sides continued to exchange chances but it was Skye who broke the deadlock in the 12th minute. Oliver Langlands smartly turned his man before beating another and laying the ball off to MacInnes who drove the ball home from 25 yards. It wasn't too long before Newtonmore levelled the score though, Darren Mitchell picked up the ball and went on a mazy run down the right flank, cutting inside and pushing the ball to Oliver Hood who nonchalantly stroked the ball beyond the keeper - game on. The game continued in that end to end fashion until MacLean blew for the end of the half, time for a well earned breather for both sides.

Skye started the second half the strongest and were rewarded with a goal in the 45th minute, Nui Nicolson with a great block before clipping the ball forward to Ruairidh

MacLeod whose powerful effort across the keeper gave Finlay Chisholm no chance. 6 minutes later and it was 3-1, this time Ian Graham with a long distance strike from the left, which was well dummied by MacLeod to deceive the 'More keeper. A fourth followed soon after, a long range shot from Langlands was well saved by Chisholm but there was nothing he could do to stop Riley Anderson sweeping in the rebound. Newtonmore piled on the pressure to try and force their way back into the game but a combination of good defending and some great stops from Buchan meant that it ended 4-1.

Skye Captain Ian MacInnes was presented with the trophy by David MacMaster and lifted it high into the air at the Dell, much to the delight of Skye's travelling support.



OBAN CAMANACHD LIFT MACQUISTEN CUP

The 2022 MacQuisten cup took place at Inveraray's Winterton park on Sunday the 28th August.

The format was round robin with the top two teams going through to the final. The entrants for this year were Bute Shinty Club, Kilmory Shinty Club, Oban Camanachd Shinty Club and a select team made up from other South teams who did not have enough players to enter an outright team. It was a tight affair from the 1st game - this being between Oban Camanachd and Bute - Craig Scott brought the game to an end with a 1-1 draw after some fine competitive shinty being played by both clubs.

Game 2 was between the select team who had players from Dunoon, GMA and Celtic among their ranks versus Bute and this also ended in a 1-1.

Game 3 saw Kilmory, the majority of who's players had featured in the previous days Bullough Cup Final, take to the field versus Oban Camanachd who came out 5-1 winners. Game 4 was the select team versus Kilmory with the select team coming out 2-0 victors.

After the break it was Bute versus Kilmory with Bute also running out 2-0 victors over Kilmory. The final game saw the select team and Oban Camanachd play out a 0-0 draw.

There was some terrific shinty played throughout the group stages with some of the South's best young shinty players on display. The day was also attended by the South Under 17 coaches which enabled them to analyse the players with a view to their South squad selection; a process made all the more difficult due to the array of talent on show.

With the group stages complete, it was Oban Camanachd and Bute who would play the final for the MacQuisten Cup. Another tight affair ensued with end to end shinty and tight tussles all over the field. Bute were feeling the effects of a thin squad with a couple of injuries, which meant the shuffling of positions while Oban Camanachd maintained their strength and shape and continued to apply pressure to the Bute goal. The game ended 3-1 to Oban Camanachd who retained the MacQuisten Cup for another year - well done Oban Camanachd.



FRASER MACPHEE TOURNAMENT

Well done to all the players who took part in the Fraser MacPhee Shinty Tournament on June 17th.

They all played brilliantly, and most importantly, had a great day of shinty. After a two-year break due to COVID, it was really good to welcome everyone back again and see the young ones out enjoying themselves.

As ever, a huge thank you to all the volunteers who make this event happen and especially to the Latto families, Willie McDonald at Fort William Shinty Club, Jimmy Clark, Ann McIntyre and Mairi MacKinnon.

The organising committee would also like to thank referees Shane O Rourke, Archie MacKinnon, Struan Stephens and Ryan Cairns.

A total of £650 was raised from snack bar sales, which will be topped up to £1000 by organisers and donated to the proposed first ever Disability Shinty Festival to be held in Lochaber.

The results:
P5 and under winners – Caol, after they beat Kincaig 4-2.
The P7 and under winner was Caol after a thrilling final, which saw them pip Lochaber to the post by scoring the winning goal in extra time.



The overall award for fair sportsmanship went to Fergus Hunt of Taynuilt.
P5 stick skills winner was Mila Dent of Banavie.
P5 speed hitting winner was Hugh Lamont of Kincaig, who reached an impressive 102kmph.
P5 player of tournament was Donald Macleod, Kincaig.
P7 player of the tournament was Reece Nolan of Caol.
P7 speed hitting winner was Cameron Macleod of Ballachulish at 96kmph.



CULLODEN ACADEMY ARE 2022 DONELLA CRAWFORD VICTORS

The Donella Crawford 6's is a key fixture for school teams in the shinty calendar. Last played in November 2019 it was fantastic to be able to go ahead with this event again this year after missing out in 2020 due to COVID19.

The Donella Crawford 6s' provides a platform for high school girls to come together and take part in shinty, while remembering Donella, who was a huge advocate of the girl's game. Ardnamurchan High School, once again, offered to host the event which saw 12 teams sign up.

This year we welcomed 2 new teams to the competition and it was great to see Dunoon Grammar and Inverness Royal Academy there on the day. We hope they will continue to be champions for girls shinty and attended future school festivals.

COVID restrictions and an upsurge of the virus in some schools caused a few teams to cancel their entries in the days leading up to the event but it was still great to see all 12 teams participating. Squads were split into 2 groups, fixtures were handed out and we got underway.

In the group stages, each team played each other once allowing for the top 2 school teams from each league to progress to the semi-finals. Culloden Academy and Ardnamurchan A both finished their respective groups unbeaten with Plockton A coming second to Culloden and Kingussie following Ardnamurchan A closely take the last semi-final spot.

The semi-finals were played in unison, 5 minutes each way. The Culloden squad showed their experience and despite an injury to forward Chloe Mutch were able to capitalise on chances in the last third and come away with a 2-0 victory

against a fast and furious Kingussie team who battled well. The second semi-final saw chances at both ends of the park. It wasn't until the final two minutes of the game, that Ardnamurchan managed to squeeze a goal past the Plockton keeper after a passage of nice play, setting them up with a spot in the final against Culloden.

The final showcased some fantastic shinty played by both teams. It was a tight game throughout, with both teams battling hard and showing their skills and finesse on the park. Again it was left late but a well struck goal by Culloden Academy in the final two minutes proved to be the winner. Donella Crawford's cousin, Alistair McMillan was on hand to conduct presentations, direct the medals and the trophy to the winning Culloden Captain, Melissa MacKay. Congratulations to everyone at Culloden Academy for their victory.

Alistair also took the time to comment, as did many of the coaches, on the rising standard of girl's shinty and how it was fantastic to see many girls back playing after what has been a challenging 18 months.

The Camanachd Association would like to thank Alistair for agreeing to conduct the presentations on the day as well as Herbie, Calum and Rebeka for taking the time out their day to referee the event, Colm O'Rua and Ardnamurchan High School for hosting and the young volunteers who set up and provided a sanitising station for everyone involved in the event. Already looking forward to next year.



INVERNESS PRIMARY SCHOOLS VICTORIOUS AT FERGUSON TRANSPORT & SHIPPING NATIONAL FIRST SHINTY FINALS 2022

The Ferguson Transport and Shipping National finals brought together over 150 of the best young players from across Scotland all vying for the coveted National P5 and P7 titles.

The P7 & Under tournament was played at the Nevis Centre, Fort William in front of a large and noisy crowd. The standard of play throughout the day was of the highest order with all the 11 teams giving a great account of themselves.

Section A saw the impressive Muirtown Primary School top the group on maximum points with the equally impressive Glenurquhart/Balnain team two points behind, claiming the runners-up spot. Section B was extremely competitive, with the impressive North End Primary topping the group, with Strathkelvin Primary in second spot.

The first semi-final saw Muirtown Primary School take on Strathkelvin Primary, with Muirtown proving too strong winning 6-0 to book their place in the final.

The second semi-final saw Section B winners North End take on Glenurquhart/Balnain Primaries in what was a closely contested game, with Glenurquhart/Balnain prevailing 1-0 to reach the final against a Muirtown side they had already played in the group matches.

The final between Muirtown Primary and Glenurquhart /Balnain Primaries was, like their earlier encounter, a closely contested match with the standard of play of the highest order. Muirtown Primary, however, driven on by the outstanding Jay MacRae son of 2021 MOWI Player of the Year Finlay MacRae went on to win by 3 goals to 1 to win the P7 & Under National First Shinty Championships 2022. Muirtown Primary School were worthy winners having gone through the tournament undefeated.

Michael Oliver of tournament sponsors Ferguson Transport and Shipping presented the trophy and medals to all the players and Coaches

The Primary 5 and under event took place at Lochaber High School and unfortunately due to continuing covid restrictions no spectators were allowed to attend. This did not stop the youngsters from 10 schools across the country from putting on a fantastic display of shinty.

Group 1 saw Lochcarron Primary get off to a flying start, beating an impressive Alvie Primary 4-3 in a fantastic game. In fact both teams were the ones to progress to the semi-finals from their section, with Lochcarron in top sport

and Alvie close behind. In Group 2, Caol Primary were very impressive, winning all their group games and not conceding a goal in the group stage at all. Inverness Gaelic School were a close second, showing some solid displays and only losing out to Caol.

The first semi-final saw Group 1 winners Lochcarron taking on Group 2 Runners Up, Inverness Gaelic School. Lochcarron took a quick 2-0 lead but after a quick reshuffle the Inverness school came back to make it 2-2. Another goal apiece saw the game finish 3-3 and extra time with the golden goal rule in place begin. A high paced start by Inverness Gaelic School saw them score the goal that sent them to the final.

The second semi-final was between Group 1 Runners Up Alvie and Group 1 winners Caol. Caol, who had been in fine form all day continued this into the semi-final and although Alvie never stopped battling, it was Caol Primary who won comfortably through to the final.

The final was played 5 minutes each was and was very evenly contested. A rotation in positions from the first game saw Inverness Gaelic School have an early bit of possession before Caol put the Inverness goal under pressure. The Inverness School defended fantastically and took their opportunity 1 minute from full time to break away and score a fantastic goal, slotted into the bottom corner. Caol had no answer for this and couldn't penetrate the Inverness defence. A wonderful victory for Inverness Gaelic School who were presented their trophy by Jack Ferguson from Ferguson Transport.



COMPASS

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES



Alterations
Refurbishments
Extensions
Planned Maintenance
Reactive Maintenance

Hotel and Leisure
Bespoke Works
Community Projects
Private Estates
Insurance

Social Housing
Private Builds
Industrial
Commercial & Retail
Ecclesiastical

The Highland Builder Leading the Way

Tel: 01463 710 002 www.compassbuild.co.uk
Corrie Lodge Business Centre | Corrie Lodge | Millburn Road | Inverness | IV2 3TP



SOUTH ON TOP IN CAOL CUP

Following a series of extended North dominance, the South U21's finally put their Highland counterparts to the sword, coming out deserved 3-1 winners in this year's Caol Cup. Under 21 representatives from the North and South of shinty gathered at Canal Park on Saturday, in an annual representative match which historically acts as a pathway for future Scotland internationalists.

The North of Scotland have boasted a prolonged period of dominance in this highly competitive clash, something which the South, managed by Robert Baxter and Stephen Campbell, were looking to bring to a halt.

However, the North enjoyed the majority of possession during the opening 15 minutes, as the men in blue started the much brighter of the two. A few warning shots were fired towards ColGlen's Scott Symons in the South goal - yet this period of North control wouldn't last long.

The South, boasting a Premiership midfield three of Finlay Ralston (GMA), Blair MacFarlane (Oban C) and captain Conor Kennedy (Kyles), found their rhythm, as they began to win their individual battles and spray the ball long in to danger areas.

Calls for a South penalty were waved off by referee Calum Girvan, as Skye's Callum Nicholson looked to have kicked the ball whilst smartly denying a Conor Kennedy strike. South frustrations quickly turned to joy, as ColGlen's Scott MacVicar opened the scoring on the half hour mark, with the forward striking home from 25 yards after a neat pass from Kennedy.

The North upped the tempo following this, as this Caol Cup clash quickly became a physical affair, with both sides battling across the park as the match heated up. A kick in the North box forced referee Girvan to point to the spot, giving the South a huge opportunity to double their advantage. Penalty expert MacVicar stood up and made no mistake, giving the men in red a two goal cushion.

The South were in full flow, getting the best of their opponents across the park. Kyles' Sorley Thomson had an excellent opportunity to make it three before the interval, yet his effort from outside the area was expertly denied by Nicholson who was enjoying a brilliant afternoon between the sticks.

The break gave the young North side a chance to regroup, as they looked to find a way back in this contest which was being dominated by a relentless South outfit. Fort William's Victor Smith would give his side a lifeline, as he reacted quickest to send a left-sided effort beyond Symons in the South goal to make it 2-1 with a lot of shinty left to play.



However, only two minutes later, Ardnamurchan's Herbie Patterson restored the South's two goal cushion. The towering forward broke away from a penalty spot stramash, before planting a low strike in to the net, leaving Nicholson with no chance.

Throughout the remainder of the contest, the South looked very comfortable, with any rare North venture in to their half being swept away by the stubborn South back line. Particularly, Oban Celtic's Jamie Forgivee denied a multitude of potential attacking opportunities, as he dominated at half-back.

Referee Girvan eventually blew for full-time, crowning the South U21's deserved Caol Cup Champions for 2021.



NORTH

- 1 - Calum Nicolson-Skye Camanachd
- 2- Connor Macgregor - Caberfeidh
- 3- Jonny Forster - Fort William
- 4- Duncan MacPherson- Newtonmore
- 5- Alistair MacRae- Fort William
- 6- Christopher Mack - Glenurquhart
- 7- Cameron MacIntosh - Glenurquhart
- 8- Niall McCallum - Strathglass
- 9- Alistair Maclean - Glenurquhart
- 10- Hamish Shaw - Fort William
- 11- George Taylor-Ramsay - Kingussie
- 12- Duncan Matheson - Kinlochshiel
- 13- Ben MacKinnon - Kilmallie
- 14- Ruairidh Strachan - Strathglass
- 15- Victor Smith - Fort William
- 16- Sam Stubbs - Lovat

Managers

Kenny MacLeod
Iain Nicolson

Written by Cameron Middleton (Dunoon Observer)



SOUTH

- 1 - Scott Symons - Col Glen
- 2 - Cally McNaughton - Col Glen
- 3 - Ryan Craig - Bute
- 4 - Jamie Forgivee - Oban Celtic
- 5 - Daniel Sloss - Oban Camanachd
- 6 - Conor Kennedy - Kyles - Captain
- 7 - Blair MacFarlane - Oban Camanachd
- 8 - Finlay Ralston - GMA
- 9 - Scott MacVicar - Col Glen
- 10 - Ross Campbell - Oban Camanachd
- 11 - Campbell Watt - Inveraray
- 12 - Somhairle Thomson - Kyles
- 13 - Herbie Patterson - Ardnamurchan
- 14 - Coll MacKay - Inveraray
- 15 - Scott Harvey - Bute
- 16 - Stewart Stirling - Bute

Managers

Stephen Campbell - Oban Celtic
Robert Baxter - Kyles

STRATHCLYDE DOMINATE LITTLEJOHN AND MCHUE & PORTER TOURNAMENTS



After a three year abeyance due to COVID, SSS has finally seen the return of the Littlejohn and McHue & Porter Shinty tournaments. The day was a great success for student shinty with competitive games at all stages.

In the Women's McHue Porter Trophy, the University of Strathclyde topped the table after the group stage with the University of Glasgow and the University of Edinburgh playing a decider to see who would join in the final. The University of Edinburgh came out 1-0 victors in the playoff after a very close game to progress on.

Despite this, it was the University of Strathclyde Women's who came out 3-0 winners in the final to claim the McHue Porter trophy, after a fine display of teamwork.

Within the Men's Tournament, the University of Strathclyde topped the group stage, with the University of Aberdeen finishing a close 2nd. In the final nothing could separate the two teams with the match finishing goalless. It took penalties for a winner to be decided, and after 5 penalties both teams stood even again with both keepers making some excellent saves. It was then onto sudden death before captain Liam Arnott was able to find the back of the net for Strathclyde.

Congratulations to both teams today in their respective wins and to all teams in attendance for making such a good day.

Men's Littlejohn

- 1st Strathclyde University
- 2nd Aberdeen University
- 3rd Edinburgh University

Women's McHue Porter

- 1st Strathclyde University
- 2nd Edinburgh University
- 3rd Glasgow University





LOCHABER SHINTY CLUBS PARTNER WITH SAMH TO "GAIN THE ADVANTAGE"

Two Lochaber based shinty clubs have teamed up with Scottish Association for Mental Health in order to further their commitment to the health and wellbeing of their players, volunteers & supporters.

The 'Gain the Advantage Programme' is open to all those involved in Fort William and Kilmallie Shinty Clubs and their wider community, to positively engage with a variety of activities, workshops and events based around the 5 ways to wellbeing. These are Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Learn and Give. Introducing individuals at an earlier stage with the opportunity to explore their mental health, engage with tools and resources to increase their capacity to support their own and others mental health and wellbeing, building both personal and community resilience.

SAMH workers Nina Allinson and Steph McLean began this journey by meeting with local 'School of Shinty' Lochaber High School. Also in attendance that day were representatives from some of shinty's biggest supporters including MOWI and Ferguson Transport, as well as Camanachd Association National Development Manager, Ronald Ross and Youth Director Willie MacDonald.

Following their introduction to Lochaber High School and some of the area's major employers, Nina and Steph delivered to members of Kilmallie Shinty Club and Fort William Shinty Club ahead of the Lochaber Derby. It is hoped that the resource that SAMH are able to offer will enable these clubs and the area as a whole to become more mentally healthy. This work is in addition to the ongoing Shinty Chaplaincy programme which both clubs have endorsed.



Since the first meeting, Minister for Public Health, Women's Health & Sport, Maree Todd met with the Lochaber clubs, Camanachd Association Board Members, SAMH & Mikeysline representatives at Fort William Shinty Clubhouse to take part in further discussions about creating mentally healthy communities, even trying her hand at the sport (see above).

Ronald Ross, Regional Development Manager, Camanachd Association said: "We are delighted to move forward with the "Gain the Advantage" programme and to provide better support for shinty communities. This year long initiative compliments all the work we do with partners in this sphere including; Samaritans, Scottish Sports Chaplaincy, Mikeysline and more. Well done to both clubs and Lochaber High School for embracing the opportunity to develop mentally healthy communities."

The programme has since been expanded to encompass all the clubs in the Lochaber region.

"IF HISTORY HAD PROVED ANYTHING, IT IS THAT EVOLUTION ALWAYS WINS"

As we emerged from 2021 the English Shinty Association knew it needed to adapt to the new normal. With members not choosing to continue to play shinty like they may have before the pandemic; members no longer fully committing to training or matches as different priorities in life begin to take hold, we know we needed to evolve. "If history had proved anything, it is that evolution always wins". As I write this, we are all proud of our achievements so far and thankful for all those that has contributed to it. In 2023 the English Shinty Association celebrates its 10th anniversary however in 2022 Cornwall Shinty Club celebrated their 10th anniversary as well as the 10th anniversary of the Shinty Shop challenge cup.

The winter months and first month of spring of Spring is preparation for the English Shinty League (ESL). With Bristol Camanachd, Cornwall Shinty Club and London Camanachd all travelling north of the border to attend the Jack Asher's tournament in Glasgow. This enable the players to run off the Christmas turkey and rejuvenate the appetite for shinty as we emerge from the winter break. Following on from this Bristol Camanachd retained the Southwest Shinty League in March.

April saw the start of the newly formatted ESL. The new league consisted on each senior club playing each once either home or away with rotation happening in alternative years. In addition, ESL added tournament points for the first time. This meant each senior club also hosted a separate home tournament bringing all players together with the top 3 teams getting points and additional points if they brought more than one team to the tournament. This allowed interest in the league and continued commitment to the league until the last tournament held at the end of October in Cornwall. Cornwall won their own tournament but with no team failing to prevent London from reaching the final London clinched the title.

The London team had what could only be compared to an almost perfect year. In addition to winning the ESL London were also invited to Paris to play shinty/hurling. The game resulted in London taking victory for the day is what appeared to be the first European shinty/hurling event. The game was one thing, but French food and wine after the game, was an



experience that shinty rarely gets. The great friendship of Paris GAA was something great and London look forward to hosting them on the return leg in 2023.

At the start of summer Oxford Shinty Club hosted their annual 6s tournament. An event that has attracted interest from North of the border. 2022 was no exception as Tayforth Ladies travelled down. Great fun was had by all as every team celebrated shinty into the night with the Oxford 6s Ceilidh.

During a very hot summers day London was invited to Stamford bridge the home of Chelsea FC. In the early days of football, the grass area was shared with shinty. The two sports were different, but London gave Chelsea their kits to play in as many years ago shinty had just a little more and looked out for others and other sports.

Its then little wonder to see how the same shade of blue is shared by both teams now and how that history was almost forgotten. To have our club invited in and given free rein to take photos was very nice and London is very thankful of Chelsea FC for remembering our small club all these years later.

Cornwall celebrated its 10th anniversary by doing what it does best. Playing lots of shinty. Their 10th Anniversary Tour generously sponsored by The Old Inn, Isle of Skye started by inauspiciously losing their opening shinty match v Warrington Social Hurlers, however they took suitably ironic revenge in the hurling before adjourning to a fantastic welcome in The Irish Club. Our mixed team predictably lost out to Fort William and Ballachuillish. Chalking up wins at Uddingstone, Skye and Ardnamurchan, with an incredible session at The Old Inn before finishing up on BBC Alba watching the Camanachd Cup semi-final at Fort William to round off a fantastic tour.

ESA also entered the Bullough Cup and the WCA Challenge cup. ESA on a very wet and cold day played Kilmory on a beautiful landscape, until the rain set in that is. With the Scottish weather coming in fast ESA played hard but we're no match for Kilmory who in the end took victory and progressed into the next round of the Bullough Cup. The Womens team had a similar experience in Ardnamurchan with the women managing to hold in the first half with only letting in one goal. Sadly in the 2nd half Ardnamurchan ran away as victors 5-1 despite the fantastic effort of the away team.

NEWTONMORE PRIMARY RETAIN MACKAY CUP



Saturday 11th June 2022 saw the Corrie Construction Mackay Cup Final take place at Bught Park, Inverness as the curtain raiser and the first of three Shinty Finals that day. The final was contested between Muirtown Primary School and Newtonmore Primary School.

Both schools had come through the group stages of this competition having played and beaten schools from up and down the country, and it was fantastic to be able to welcome all the players, coaches and supports to Bught Park for the occasion.

The game, officiated by Andrew Grant MacKenzie, started quickly with both teams creating chances in the first 10 minutes. A break in the play for Newtonmore allowed James Coyle to dodge the ball around the keeper and slot it into the back of the net around the 15 minute mark. This was followed

by another, again from James Coyle before half time. Muirtown didn't let their heads go down and opened the second half with some excellent play creating a number of good goal scoring opportunities but just couldn't find the back of the net. A penalty to Newtonmore in the second half allowed James Coyle to complete his hattrick, and with the wind at their backs they now had the bulk of the pressure.

Muirtown never let their heads go down, some fantastic defending by their back line allowed them a couple of breaks in play, but the Newtonmore defence stood firm. Goals then came from Logan Foster, Max Rodger and Tyler Chisholm, plus another three for James Coyle.

The final whistle came to draw a close to a brilliant display of shinty from both school teams. James Coyle, Newtonmore's Captain deservedly collected the Anne Cameron player of the match quaich for his fantastic performance and wonderful goal scoring. He also lifted the Corrie Construction Mackay cup as Newtonmore Primary Captain for 2022.

Thanks went to both sets of players, coaches and parents for their support before, during and after the event. To referee Andrew Grant MacKenzie for officiating the game and to the sponsors Corrie Construction.

TULLOCH HOMES PRIMARY SCHOOLS FINAL DAY SEES NEWTONMORE VICTORY

Well done to all the players who played in the 2022 Tulloch Homes National Primary School Finals Day at An Aird in Fort William.

It is safe to say the day was a great experience for the youngsters and those in attendance were treated to some great shinty. Finals day was fought out between six schools; Newtonmore Primary School, Glenurquhart/Balnain Primaries, Muirtown Primary, Caol Primary school, Glasgow Gaelic School and Tighnabruich Primary. After the round robin was complete, a semi-final was contested between Glenurquhart/ Balnain and Tighnabruich, with Glenurquhart proceeding to the finals after an exciting match coming down to the final minutes.

Glenurquhart/ Balnain were joined in the final by Newtonmore Primary, who started strong with the 1st goal from James Coyle soon after the match began.

Glenurquhart/ Balnain quickly coming back with two goals back-to-back within 4 minutes, both from Glen MacDonald. James Coyle coming back for his second goal just before 6 minutes, a great ball high and floated in from just over halfway. Some great saves from both keepers kept out a lot of chances for both teams, and a foul lead to a no goal just before half time.



Quickly after half time, Jadon McCormack from Newtonmore made it 3-2 to Newtonmore. A great save from Emily from Glenurquhart/ Balnain knocking it out and over the bar. Some fantastic goal keeping from Emily in her first time playing in goals. Another two quick goals from Newtonmore, and a third for James Coyle a couple of minutes before full time coming from halfway into the top left corner of the goal. The final goal came in the last minute of the game to bring one back for Glenurquhart. Some great balls from the middle of the field from both teams in the exciting second half, which rounded the day off with a 5-3 win for Newtonmore.

Many thanks to the Fort William for the use of their pitch, and to Ben Mackenzie and Willie MacDonald for officiating on the day. Also, thanks to all the players, parents and coaches for a fantastic day.

ALBA KIT NOW AVAILABLE INSTORE & ONLINE



macron store
Highlands

www.klasklothing.co.uk
Tel: 01463 417020

KLAS KLOTHING, Unit 1 - Lotland Place, Inverness, IV1 1PB

SHINTY FANS CHOOSE THEIR MOWI TEAM OF THE SEASON

Shinty is, at its heart, a team game and it is well known that “no squealing prima donnas will get adulation here”. However, it is also important to recognise the stand out players in what was an incredible 2022 campaign. That is exactly what the Camanachd Association set out to do by launching its first MOWI Premiership & MOWI National team of the season campaigns.

In order to narrow down the vast pool of talent to just 12 names, every MOWI Premiership/National Captain was asked to name their own team of the season, which was not allowed to contain any players from their club. From that, the most popular names in each position were then put to Twitter poll with victorious players making the team. It was clear that the shinty community were engaged in the discussion with just shy of 10,000 votes cast.

You can see the two teams below and even create your own!



LONDON SHIELD FINAL 2022



Sunday 2nd October saw the 2022 MOWI London Shield Final take place between Inverness and Kinlochshiel.

These two teams had been fantastic all season with Kinlochshiel beating Fort William in their semi-final and Inverness overcoming Newtonmore. A coin toss during the week had meant Inverness were playing in their away colour of white, while Kinlochshiel remained in their traditional home colour of red.

These teams also clashed earlier in the season, in the semi final of the cottages.com MacTavish Cup Final with Kinlochshiel running out winners in a comfortable fashion. The game started very cagey, with both teams defending very well. In particular the Inverness duo of Calum Tuckwood and Jaiden Campbell kept the Shiel' forward line under wraps.

Halftime arrived and it was still deadlocked at 0-0 with everything to play for.

Although Shiel had more pressure at the start of the second half, Inverness looked very dangerous on the break and continued to clear their lines well. The breakthrough for Kinlochshiel came through some very nice play from the Shiel midfield into their forward line with Liam Matheson finding an inch of space and sending an unstoppable strike into the back of the net to put them 1-0 up.

Shiel then began to take control of the game creating more chances, in particular through Rory Slaughter who was influential all game. The final minute of the game came and Archie MacRae sealed the deal, stopping a fierce goal hit and slotting it into the back of the net, putting Shiel 2-0 up just before the end.



Congratulations go to Kinlochshiel who were crowned MOWI London Shield Winners for 2022. 'Shiel captain Rory Slaughter also deservedly picked up the Douglas Mackintosh Memorial Medal for Player of the Match.

Thanks go to the fantastic team of match officials and the Lovat Shinty Club for hosting.





SHINTY MEMORIES SCOTLAND

Shinty Memories Scotland has continued its recovery from the rigours of the COVID pandemic and like other areas of shinty is still having to meet some very significant challenges. Our activities were clearly curtailed and had to be realigned significantly to meet the new world of post-covid meetings and activity. This has placed a great strain on the groups and our national resources. We need more support now than we ever did and the scale of the challenge we face continues to escalate. However, as we emerge from the bewildering restrictions we have all faced, it remains our intention to grow and expand the network of groups currently in place under the umbrella of Shinty Memories Scotland, currently chaired by David MacMaster of Caberfeidh. John MacKenzie MBE (Scotland and Newtonmore) is the project Ambassador. We are currently seeking SCIO charitable status.

The national group was formed to support the network using the sport's archives and other resources to help people with dementia and living with other issues such as depression and loneliness. The work is also contributing towards the Camanachd Association's new Heritage Committee's activities. Shinty Memories Groups are open to anyone and when they are set up, they are supplied with sets of cards and other materials which have been prepared from various archives using images of players, trophies, pitches and badges. Various activities such as quizzes and fundraising veterans' matches are being organised.

Individual groups such as the Badenoch Shinty Memories Group have secured significant support from funding agencies such as Life Changes Trust and others locally in the Cairngorm area. The plan is to use their collaboration with the Highland Folk Museum as a model of developments in other areas such as Inveraray, Oban and Lochaber. We are greatly encouraged to see the formation and expansion of groups in places such as Skye and Inveraray where the Memories group is being woven into a fantastic five-year development plan.

We were delighted to receive a massive boost at the Tulloch Homes 2021 Camanachd cup final with the presentation of a cheque for £7,500 which was raised with a special Golf championship at the Craigue Hill Golf Club in Perth. The 2022 event on August 28 at Kingussie (sponsored this time by Birchwood Financial Planning of Elgin) was won by a group of bandits from Skye Camanachd who took the championship trophy designed and crafted by Roddie MacLennan of Inverness home to Portree.

There can be few clubs or families who are not aware of people are who living with the challenges of mental health issues such as dementia. Shinty Memories Groups are now building sets of resources to be used to help people improve their recall, communication skills, self-esteem and confidence. A new handbook is available to help with the operation of groups. Shinty images can be digitised for use of the project and safe return to owners.

If you would like to know more about setting up, joining or helping with Shinty Memory Groups, make a donation to help with costs, or can help supply materials for the memory boxes, please contact:

John MacKenzie
07795 544 189
shintymemories@gmail.com

David MacMaster
07599 247306
shintymemories@gmail.com

Hugh Dan MacLennan
07515 287040
shintymemories@gmail.com



MACBEAN CUP SUCCESS FOR LOCHABER HIGH SCHOOL

The MacBean Cup for S1/2 secondary school pupils took place on Monday (16th May) at An Aird in Fort William. A brilliant response saw 12 schools entering from across Scotland, some of which were involved in the competition for the first time.

The schools were split into two groups of six for the first round of the competition with the top two teams from each group then progressing through to the semi-finals. In group one, Kingussie went through their first 5 games impressively undefeated. They were joined by Inverness Royal Academy who bested Charleston on goal difference to claim second spot.

In group two, it was a very tight affair at the top with four teams coming close to progressing. It was however, Lochaber and Portree who made the final cut, both teams remaining undefeated in the group stages.

The final 4 teams were then added on paper to the trophy and the semi-finals were drawn by two Bishopbriggs players who had entered the event for the first time in their history.

Portree were the first team 'out the hat' and would go on to play Inverness Royal Academy in the first semi-final. Pitch 2 would feature Kingussie (2019 winners) and Lochaber.

Portree went on to overcome Inverness Royal Academy by one goal to nil in the first semi-final. Although Portree had the majority of the possession and emerged victorious, the young IRA side competed throughout and defensively played very well.

In the second semi-final, Kingussie had a first minute chance saved impressively by the Lochaber keeper, which gave the Lochaber side momentum with them going on to score a number of powerful goals and ending Kingussie's unbeaten run.

The final was an exciting game with Portree and Lochaber drawing 0-0 in their group game it was clear there wasn't much between the sides. A fantastic battle between both sides full centres was impressive to watch and a couple of excellent saves early on by the Portree keeper kept their side in it. A very even game throughout needed a goal and that's what happened inside the final two minutes where a Lochaber forward found himself in a yard of space and sent a low, powerful drive past the Portree keeper to secure their victory.

Congratulations to Lochaber High School who got to take the MacBean Cup back to their school for 2022, and commiserations to Portree High School who gave a fantastic account of themselves and should be very proud of their runners up medals.

Thanks go to all players/teachers/coaches for attending as well as to Fort William Shinty Club for the use of their fantastic ground and for setting up the days pitches and also to James Munro who once again volunteered his time to officiate the days games.





BUGHT PARK RENOVATION ON TRACK...

In late 2021, it was announced that Bught Park in Inverness would be renovated after the Highland Council and partners submitted a successful bid to the UK Government's Levelling Up Fund.

There has been further progress in 2022 with the Highland Council confirming that the changing facilities and toilets would be completely refurbished with the stand receiving cosmetic upgrades. In addition to this, a new pitch side pavilion will be built. The upper floor of the pavilion will be a hospitality/bar with the bottom floor reserved as a dedicated space for shinty. This space will be a shinty exhibition called "Shinty's Story". It will aim to represent shinty's culture and place as Scotland's community sport and further details about this project will be announced throughout the course of the year.

In December, Councillors approved the planning for the redevelopment. The Camanachd Association will now look to apply for funding streams to ensure that the exhibition can express shinty's history and heritage in a way that properly reflects its importance to the Highlands, and indeed the nation.

The Committee look forward to continuing to work in co-operation with partners such as Highlife Highland and Inverness Shinty Club to ensure that the project is a success. More information about the progression of this vital development will be available throughout 2023 on www.shinty.com.

Shinty's Story will be steered by the Camanachd Association Heritage Committee:

Steven MacKenzie
Camanachd Association President

Derek Keir
Camanachd Association CEO

Roddy McCuish
Camanachd Association Heritage Committee Chair

Iain Caimbeul
UHI Tourism Research Network

Torquil MacLeod
Event Scotland - Development Manager

Dr Hugh Dan MacLennan
Historian and Academic in Shinty

Aarron Duncan-MacLeod
Marketing & Comms and Heritage Lead

Sheena MacDougall
Learning & Outreach Officer National Library of Scotland | Moving Image Archive Kelvin Hall



ABERDOUR DO MÒD CUP DOUBLE AS HENRY MACINNES BOWS OUT

Aberdour Shinty Club did a remarkable double as they claimed both Mòd Cups on a great day for shinty at the North Inch, Perth

For the third final in a row, the Men's Aviemore Trophy went to a penalty shootout. A riveting 2-2 game saw Tayforth's goals by Nathan Ross and Michael MacLeod cancelled out by Angus Thorburn and The Glenturret Man of the Match/Sàr-chluicheadair Roddy MacColl. The only dampener was the lottery of penalties which Aberdour won 1-0 to lift their first ever Senior Trophy in men's shinty.

The Aberdour women earlier won the LearnGaelic Challenge Cup against Tayforth ladies. A hat-trick by Dour's Rebecca Thornton wasn't enough to win her the Glenturret player of the match which went to her teammate Niamh Donnelly.

It was also the final refereeing performances of Henry MacInnes. Famous as the inspiration for the song and tune "The Shinty Referee" by Fergie Macdonald, Henry had refereed for over 45 years and received a presentation and a bottle of The Glenturret to mark his retirement.

In the morning, a combination of come and try shinty and a youth shinty blitz saw around 40 young players from Perthshire, Stirling, Fife and Edinburgh enjoy the sport with the support of the Camanachd Association.

Perth & Kinross Council's Councillor Grant Laing presented the post-match trophies along with John Rennie of the Gaelic Society of Perth. Councillor Laing



voiced his and the council's support for shinty and the hope that the sport can flourish in Perthshire going forward. Anyone interested in supporting shinty in Perthshire should contact the Camanachd Association.

Although it was a double disappointment for Tayforth on the park, they didn't go away empty-handed. To mark their temporary return to the city they were founded in 1973, they were reunited with the Bein Trophy - donated in the 1970s by the Old Bein Inn - which was recovered last year and presented after the match to their captain Nathan Whear along with other archive material.

The Mòd Cups were supported by Iomain Cholmille, Live Active, Perth & Kinross Council, Shinty World (Matchball Sponsors), The Glenturret, An Comunn Gàidhealach and the Camanachd Association.



IOMAIN CHOLMCILLE BRINGS GAEILGE SPEAKS TOGETHER TO ENJOY SHINTY

Thàinig sgiobaidhean iomain de luchd-labhairt Gàidhlig is Gaeilge còmhla aig Pàirc Peterson ann an Glaschu Disathairne 12 An t-Samhain airson Iomain Cholmcille 1500 - fharpais iomain nan Gàidheal.

Chluich na h-Èireannaich an aghaidh a chèile airson àite sa chuairt dheireannach. Bhuannaich Micheál Breathnach 4-1 an aghaidh Fir Uladh le Breandan Maidhc O Conghaile a' cur tadhail iongantach.

An uairsin, bha cothrom aig na h-Albannach a dhol an aghaidh Fir Uladh. Anns a' gheam seo, bhiodh Fionnlagh MacIlleinnein (A' Mhanachainn) le cleas-bonaid agus Dan Dòmhnallach (Col-Gleann) le dhà aig fìor bhàrr. Fhuair Frankie O Ceallaigh tadhal air ais dha na h-Ultaich gus an geam a chrìochnachadh 5-1 do Alba agus choisinn e duais an t-sàr-chluicheadair.

Anns a' chuairt dheireannach, bha làmh an uachdair aig Alba a thaobh cluiche is cothroman ach 's e tadhal bho O Conghaile as dèidh dà mhionaid, agus fear eile goirid ro leth-ùine a rinn an diofar. Ged a bha Uilleam "Crossal" MacFhionguin a' dèanamh a dhìcheall a' cluich gu làidir air feadh na pàirce, cha b' urrainn dha Alba a tharraing air ais. Thog Micheál Breathnach Corn Cholmcille airson a' chiad uair bho 2016. Bhiodh O Conghaile agus MacFhionguin a' coisinn Duaisean an t-Sar-chluicheadair le taic bho Shabhal Mòr Ostaig.

Ann am geam nam ban, bhuannaich Boireannaich na h-Alba 7-0 an aghaidh Ceann Creige. 'S e Holly NicIlleathain (Camanachd an Eilein) agus Claire Delaney (Loch Abair) a chuir na tadhail a thug Corn Sgàthaich a dh'Alba airson a' chiad uair. 'S e Màiri Duncan à Loch Abair agus Niamh Rice aig Ceann Creige a bh' ann an Sàr-chluicheadairean an t-Sabhail Mhòir.

Thuirt cluicheadair na h-Alba, Marc Friseal às a' Ghearasdan "'S e cothrom sgoinneil a th' ann an Iomain Cholmcille gach bliadhna mo Ghàidhlig a chur gu feum agus càirdeasan a dhèanamh as ùr. Bha e cho math a bhith air ais as dèidh Covid, agus tha mi a' coimhead air adhart ri Èirinn an ath bhliadhna mu thràth."

Fhuair Iomain Cholmcille taic bho Bhòrd na Gàidhlig agus Foras na Gaeilge tro mhaoin Cholmcille, agus taic bho Shabhal Mòr



Team of Irish and Scottish Gaelic speakers came together at Peterson Park in Glasgow on Saturday 12th November for Iomain Cholmcille 1500 - the international shinty-hurling for Gaelic speakers.

In the men's competition, the Irish teams battled it out first for a place in the final. Micheál Breathnach won 4-1 against Fir Uladh with the Breathnach captain Breandan Maidhc O Conghaile scoring wonderful goals.

Then it was the chance for the Alba men to go against Fir Uladh. Beaul's Finlay MacLennan scored a hatrick and Dan Macdonald of Col-Glen was in his pomp with a brace. Frankie O Ceallaigh pulled one back for Na h-Ultaich. O Ceallaigh would be awarded Fir Uladh's player of the tournament.

In the final it was Alba who had the lion's share of play and opportunities, but it was a goal after just two minutes from O Conghaile and another just before halftime that was the difference. Although William "Crossal" MacKinnon worked diligently and powerfully all across the park, he couldn't pull his team back level. Micheal Breathnach won the Còrn Cholmcille for the first time since 2016 and both MacKinnon and O Conghaile would be named Sabhal Mòr Ostaig Sàr-chluicheadairean.

In the women's competition, Alba women defeated Glasgow's Ceann Creige camogs 7-0. Holly MacLean of Skye and Claire Delaney of Lochaber scored the goals that claimed Còrn Sgàthaich for Scotland for the first time. Lochaber's Mairi Duncan and Ceann Creige's Niamh Rice were the Sabhal Mòr Ostaig Sàr-chluicheadairean.

Alba player Mark Fraser of Fort William said "Iomain Cholmcille is a great opportunity every year to use my Gaelic and to renew friendships. It was so good to be back after Covid and I'm already looking forward to Ireland next year."

Iomain Cholmcille 1500 got support from Bòrd na Gàidhlig and Foras na Gaeilge through the Colmcille fund and sponsorship from Sabhal Mòr Ostaig - Scotland's Gaelic College.

NORTH SUCCESS IN REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

Written by Alasdair Bruce

South Under-14 0 North Under-14 9

The North under-14 lifted the Fraser MacPhee Memorial Cup following their 9-0 win over the South under-14 in their noon throw up at An Aird.

The North raced into a 3-0 interval lead with Fort William's James Clark, Daniel Kruger from Inverness and Lovat's Doug Brockie all scoring.

James Clark and Doug Brockie went on to complete their hat-tricks in the second half with Newtonmore's James Coyle adding a brace to make the final score 9-0.



South Under-14 Squad from: Kieran Stirling (Bute), Dean Robertson (Bute), Regan Craig (Bute), Scott Craig (Glasgow Mid Argyll), Ruairidh MacSween (Glasgow Mid Argyll), Zac Menzies (Glasgow Mid Argyll), Hayden Thoms (Dunoon), Hunter Black (Dunoon), Douglas Cameron (Inveraray), Findlay Mustarde (Inveraray), Aurn Kerr (Kyles Athletic), Mathew Sloss (Oban Camanachd), Scott Campbell (Oban Camanachd), Fraser MacMillan (Oban Camanachd), Duncan Hunt (Oban Celtic), Calum Russell (Oban Celtic)

Managers: Lorne Robertson & David MacMillan



North Under-14 Squad from: Hayden Taylor-Ramsay (Kingussie), Arran Ford (Newtonmore), James Clark (Fort William), Lewis MacKintosh (Newtonmore), Iain MacInnes (Skye Camanachd), Joe Coyle (Newtonmore), Lexie MacKenzie (Kinlochshiel), Kieran Martin (Kinlochshiel), Murphy Ross (Glenurquhart), Alfie MacLeod (Glenurquhart), Daniel Kruger (Inverness), Jacob Bain (Newtonmore), Nui Nicholson (Skye Camanachd), Doug Brockie (Lovat), Lewis Luxton (Kilmallie), Iain Graham (Skye Camanachd) Managers: Sean McQuarrie & Glen MacKintosh

South Under-17 1 North Under-17 5

The North under-17 were 5-1 winners against the South under-17 in their 2pm throw up at An Aird.

A double from Beaul's Torrin Cairns and an effort from Kinlochshiel's Archie MacRae made it 3-0 to the North at half-time.

Archie MacRae went on to score twice more to complete his hat-trick in the second half with Oban Camanachd's Innes Jackson scoring for the South.



South Under-17 Squad from: Gordon Currie (Bute), Liam Ferguson (Bute), Callum MacMillan (Bute), Robin McAlister (Bute), Rory MacDonald (Bute), Freddie Patterson (Ardnamurchan), Michael Doherty (Ardnamurchan), Kyle MacFarlane (Cruachanside), Euan Gilmour (Kilmory), Ewen Campbell (Oban Celtic), Duncan MacEwan (Oban Celtic), Joe MacVicar (Oban Celtic), Finlay Cameron (Oban Celtic), Innes Jackson (Oban Camanachd), Callum MacMillan (Oban Camanachd), Conal MacDiarmid (Glasgow Mid Argyll)



North Under-17 from: Lennox Stewart (Beaul), Thomas MacKinnon (Beaul), Charlie MacRae (Beaul), Campbell Lamont (Kinlochshiel), Arran Jack (Kinlochshiel), Rory Barkley (Kinlochshiel), Cam Stephen (Fort William), Angus Mearns (Lovat), Finlay MacLennan (Beaul), Iain Hunter (Inverness), Euan Dingwall (Newtonmore), Rory Slaughter (Kinlochshiel), Torrin Cairns (Beaul), Archie MacRae (Kinlochshiel), Callum MacIver (Beaul), Kyle Nolan (Kilmallie) Managers: Ross MacMillan & Gary Marshall



ROSES ARE RED, VIOLETS ARE BLUE, GRAND SLAM POETRY, COMING TO YOU

Charles Simpson from Keith is a fervent supporter of Keith Football Club (for his sins), nothing remarkable there you might think. Well, he is also a Kingussie Camanachd fan of 30 years and Doric poet who has penned two poems to celebrate their Grand Slam success.

KINGUSSIE – THE KINGS OF BADENOCH AND BEYOND! GRAND SLAM HEROES 'O 2022

They are the Boys fae the Dell
A' shinty stars supreme
The first Grand Slam for nineteen 'eer
Each an' iviry een livin' the dream

First cam' the MacTavish Cup
In the Final, pit Caberfeidh tae the sword
Skipper Savio led the wye wi' his double
It eynded up a nap hand – my word!

The goals cam' thick an' faist
In game efter game they scored
Roddy Young wi' fower successive hat-tricks
Then he hit a magnificent seven – Good Lord!

Win efter win they rackit up
The mighty Boys in blue an' reid
Fort William, Beaulay, Lovat, Skye an' Kilmallie
Aye, even Oban, Kyles, Glasgow Mid Argyll an' Newtonmore
– indeed!

There wiz ae tiny blip on the wye
Fin Kinlochshiel ended a 21 game unbeaten run
I bet abiddy thocht "Aye, slippery slope"
Bit na – Kings were far fae done

Bounced back wi' twa wins against Oban
The second, in the Final o' the Macaulay Cup
Goals fae James Hutchison, Roddy an' Ruaridh
Aye, things were fair lookin' up!

They marchit on an' on
Beatin' abiddy in their wye
Overcame Lovat tae win the Camanachd Cup
The Grand Slam wiz gettin' nigh

The big Trophy hidna been won since 2014
Bit Savio, James Falconer an' Roddy a' got on the scoresheet
The wye they play an' nivir stop
They are ivir sae hard tae beat

Rory "Bob" MacGregor is the goalie
Hero in the Final – keepin' the ba' oot
An' won the Albert Smith Medal
He's the top No: 1 – o' that there is nae doot

In front o' him is the best defence
Ony team could ivir need
Wi Robert Mabon, Rory, Ryan an' Kieran
Mair than deein' their bit indeed

They're lik' a team o' Musketeers
All for one – an' one for all
They a' battle for the cause
Strivin' tae win the ball

There's Liam, Cameron, Fraser an' Dylan
Louis, Lee an' Alex – a' worthy o' mention
Bit "Daddy" o' them a' must surely be
"Young" James Hutchison – getting' o' sae near tae the
pension!

Then the day o' Destiny cam'
Mossfield Park, Oban bein' the place
Fin Roddy's deadly double
Clinched the Title Race

Of coorse, a team needs a leader
An' somebiddy tae keep them as fit as can be
John Gibson an' Neil Bowman are the best
It's there for abiddy tae see

They've a' wielded the mighty Caman
Wi' grit, skill an' nerves o' steel
Nivir ony panic in the ranks
Showin' they are the real deal

They're a' steeped in the great tradition
O' Kingussie shinty heroes o' yesteryear
Names lik' John C Dallas and Ronald Ross
Legendary names tae mak' ye cheer

Noo – it's been lang – an' it's been hard
Great feats an' tales tae tell
O' a magnificent Seventh Grand Slam

HERE'S TAE KINGUSSIE CAMANACHD- TRULY KINGS
O' THE DELL!!



SHARPSHOOTERS OF KINGUSSIE CAMANACHD

They are the sharpshooters o' Shinty
As deadly as William Tell
The goal aces fae Kingussie
Master marksmen fae the Dell

Netbulgin' at iviry turn
A' feared fae far an' wide
Goalscorers in iviry department
O' that famous Grand Slam side

It wiz 96 marvellous goals
Played twinty nine games an' scored
Followin' the Reids an' Blues
Ye kin nivir say yer bored!

Winnin' fower trophies is great
Scorin' sae mony a super feat
Iviry goal that hit the ingin bag
Hid the fans up aff their seat

Settin' the ba' rollin'
Back in Mairch o' 2022
Zander Michie's pen against Cabers
Man, fit a tae do!

The quarter century wiz clockit up
Against the Fort – beginnin' o' May
Dylan Borthwick wiz the marksman
As Kings went nap that day

Then, half o' a hunner wiz reached
Against Lovat, the start o' July
Scorer Roddy "Hot Rod" Young
On him ye can aye rely

It wiz only three wiks later
Goal 75 Kings managed tae score
Again Roddy wiz the man on target
Against old foes Newtonmore

The final goal o' the season
Number 96 wiz the landmark
Guess fa? - Aye, Roddy again
Doon at Oban – He's deadly on the shinty park

Elivin different scorers
Responsible fer that marvellous tally
Helps fin they a' get on
Great team spirit – a' sae very pally

Roddy "Hot Rod" led the wye
Wi' 36 goals tae his name
Skipper Savio Genini weighed in wi' 19
They baith fair ken the game

Ruaridh Anderson ? - Weel, he grabbed 16
Wi' James Falconer folleyin' up wi' elivin
Dylan Borthwick's sivin an' "young" James Hutchie's double
Hid 'Gussie fans thinkin' they'd deid an' gone tae hivin

Makkin' their mark wi' singles
Ryan Borthwick, Zander an' Lee Bain
Added tae young Iain Fraser an' Fraser Munro
Fit a worthy band o' goalscorin' men

Their names'll ging doon in History
O' the Grand Slammers that reign supreme
Each an' iviry goalscorer

FER THE GLORIOUS KINGUSSIE CAMANACHD TEAM!!



MOWI AWARDS 2022

The 2022 MOWI Awards took place at Highland Cinema, Fort William in November. The MOWI Awards aim to recognise the extraordinary effort of players, teams, officials and volunteers throughout the 2022 season.

The award categories and winners are detailed below:



Fair Play Award:
Aberdeen University (Collected by Steven MacKenzie)



Fair Play Award: Uddingston Shinty Club
(Collected by Uddingston Ambassadors)



Emerging Referee of the Year:
Craig Scott



Referee of the Year:
Willie MacDonald



Donella Crawford Award for Youth & Schools:
Doreen MacDonald



Gary Innes Award for School of The Year - Youth Development:
Bishopbriggs Academy (Collected by Ishbal MacLeod)



Gary Innes Award for School of The Year - Youth Development: Inverness Shinty Club (Collected by Drew McNeil)



Award for Innovation: Kingussie Camanachd
(Collected by Fiona Young, Lorna MacGregor)



Media Award - Cameron Middleton (Dunoon Observer)



MOWI Social Responsibility Award: Dougie Luke (GMA)



Volunteer of the Year:
John Robertson (Kingussie)



MOWI Youth Coach of the Year:
Allan MacLeod (Skye)



MOWI Coach of the Year North Area Leagues: Peter Ross
(Collected by Mark Smith)



Mowi Coach of The Year South Area Leagues: Ronnie MacVicar, Col Glen (Collected by Alec MacNaughton)



Mowi Under 14 Player of the Year:
Iain MacInnes, Skye



Mowi Under 17 Player of the Year:
Finlay MacLennan, Beauly



WCA Coach of the Year:
Scott Campbell and Iain Robinson



MOWI WCA National Division Player of the Year:
Jeanette McGregor (Badenoch Ladies)



Mowi Player of The Year North Area Leagues:
Finlay Fraser, Glengarry



MOWI South Player of the Year:
Cally McNaughton (Col Glen)



MOWI WCA Division 2 Player of the Year:
Lexie MacKenzie (Kinlochshiel)



WCA Service to Womens Shinty:
Graham MacKay, Inverness (Collected by Drew McNeil)



Community Club of the Year: Beauly Shinty Club



MOWI Premiership & National Coach of the Year: John Gibson (Kingussie)



MOWI WCA National Div Team of the Year:
Badenoch Ladies



MOWI WCA Club Development Award:
Glengarry (Collected by Elaine Cameron)



MOWI Premiership & National Player of the Year:
Roddy Young (Kingussie)



WCA Div 2 Player of the Year
Lexie MacKenzie, Kinlochshiel



MOWI WCA Service to Women's Shinty
Sheena MacKenzie (Strathglass)

DONALD MACDOUGALL SKINNER OF OBAN AND GLASGOW, DISTINGUISHED BUSINESSMAN, SHINTY PLAYER AND ADMINISTRATOR



Tributes have been paid from throughout the shinty community to Donald Skinner of Oban and Glasgow, former two-term President, Chieftain and Member of Honour of shinty's Governing Body the Camanachd Association, who died in March 2022.

The Skinner family, over more than a hundred years and through successive generations, have made an immense contribution to shinty. Donald more than made his own mark on the game adding with distinction to an unparalleled family set of circumstances and influences. He was a more than accomplished shinty player in his day and perhaps his only regret in his many years of involvement with the game was, due to family and business circumstances, not being part of the Glasgow Mid Argyll team which won the Camanachd Cup in 1973. It was an unfortunate circumstance he carried philosophically and with typical dignity, and he never allowed it to colour his perspective and recollections of a sport and way of life which left him, in his own words, "with nothing but friends".

He gave everything he had to shinty, despite having more than onerous business and family commitments, serving in a succession of the highest offices in the game, up to and including President and Chieftain, being a recipient of the Marine Harvest Centenary Award in 2017 for his contribution to the game. This was no more than he deserved.

The tributes have been led by the Camanachd Association's current Chieftain John MacKenzie MBE of Newtonmore. He said: "Shinty has lost arguably its most influential and charismatic figure of the last fifty years and more with the passing of Donald Skinner. The Skinner family over the last four generations have made an immense contribution to shinty and Donald more than made his own contribution to an unparalleled family set of influences. He gave everything he had to shinty, serving in a succession of the highest offices in the game up to and including President and Chieftain the Marine Harvest Award for his contribution was no more than he deserved. Donald was someone everyone looked up to and he had a remarkable set of skills, particularly in dealing with people, and he was a role model for many office-bearers who followed in the paths he carved for himself. What he did in shinty was a mirror image of an outstanding business career. His contribution to shinty as an administrator in Glasgow and Oban in particular is unlikely ever to be matched and while he said himself his greatest pleasure was the number of friends he made through the sport, there are so many more now who will be significantly impacted and diminished by his passing. The sympathy of the whole shinty community is extended to Meg, his son David and daughter Morven and their five grandchildren, and everyone else who is at this time understandably feeling a great sense of loss."

Donald had been living with several health issues in the last couple of years, all bravely borne until his passing in the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre in Glasgow. He was a remarkable man who left an amazing legacy in the world of shinty and business through his partnership with the late Calum MacArthur. There were very few West Coasters and particularly students and married couples who did not pay a visit to the offices of Skinner MacArthur on Byres Road for mortgage and/or insurance advice. It was this business acumen which led him to lead shinty into its transformational relationship with leading distillers Glenmorangie, the sports first, modern sponsorship deal which evolved into one of the most enduring and significant in Scottish, if not UK sport.

Donald served on virtually every committee imaginable (mentoring a succession of other office-bearers) and had recently taken time to document his life history. It was during this process that it became apparent that the loss of his own and his grandfather's Presidential silver mounted caman in a house fire had affected him significantly. Steps were taken to have a new caman secured for the family and a silver plate was added with the two names and their relevant Presidential dates. The caman was presented to Donald at home in Bishopbriggs a few weeks ago by David Hamilton of the Macaulay Association which had joined, in a remarkable testament to the esteem with which he was held by everyone, with the Glasgow Celtic Society, Shinty Memories Scotland and the Camanachd Association in the provision of the caman.

The Macaulay Association paid this tribute to their former stalwart: "Donald was our President from 2007 until 2013



when he moved to Glasgow to be nearer his family. In his years as President, he was instrumental in the growth of the Association with the final now being shown live on TV. The current members of the Association would like to offer our sincere condolences to Donald's family and friends. The shinty world has lost a true gentleman and a great Shinty ambassador."

These sentiments were echoed by Donald Fletcher of the Glasgow Celtic Society. He said: "The Glasgow Celtic Society are saddened by the passing of Donald Skinner who was a former Director, Secretary, Treasurer and Chieftain of the Society. He became a Director of the Glasgow Celtic Society towards the end of the 1960s whilst still a player with Glasgow Mid Argyll; he held the position of Secretary and Treasurer for a number of years, demitting office in 1976 when he became President of the Camanachd Association a position he held for two terms till 1982. He continued as a Director of the Society and made his office in Byres Road available for Society meetings. In 1994 Donald became Chieftain and held that office till 1998. Although he moved back to his Oban roots, he still continued to take an active interest in the Society and helped whenever possible. In more recent years, having returned to reside in the Glasgow area Donald was a regular spectator at shinty matches and seldom missed Celtic Cup ties. Last October, despite indifferent health, Donald managed to attend the Celtic Cup final at Taynuilt. Donald's contribution to the Glasgow Celtic Society and to shinty in the Glasgow area and beyond was immense. He will be sorely missed."

Donald also featured in a new series of Caman Connections podcasts which was recorded a few weeks ago, by complete chance on the very day he received his new silver caman. By his own express wish, the podcast was broadcast just two days before his passing. Gary Innes, who conducted the interview for Caman Connections, said: "It was a great privilege to be able to speak to Donald, particularly as he has been dealing with a number of health issues in the last eighteen months and more. As a distinguished former player, President and Chieftain of the Association, he is someone who literally did everything in the game. It was great to find him in good form and we were very lucky to be able to talk to him just as he received his silver mounted caman from Shinty Memories, the Glasgow Celtic Society, the Macaulay Association and the Camanachd Association to replace his family's camans which were lost in a fire. It was an honour to be in his company and to share his fantastic memories which he recounted with his customary style and panache."

Born and bred in Oban, Donald never forgot and indeed was very proud of his roots, and after his successful career in Glasgow returned there to take over the reins at Skinner Carmichael in Argyll Square, along with his son David.

In the early 70s, Ellis Carmichael joined the Glasgow based company of Skinner MacArthur to run the Oban office which subsequently became Skinner Carmichael and there began a partnership and enduring friendship.

On his return to Oban in the mid-90s Donald very quickly immersed himself in local activities, especially shinty and significant charitable work through Hope 2 Oban, of which he was extremely proud. Ellis Carmichael recalls: "Donald and Meg set up home in Connel and this village also enjoyed his enthusiastic contributions. His sense of community awareness made him a valued and respected member of various committees and there are many who benefited from his involvement here and in Oban, myself included.

Donald loved Oban and its history and we used to jokingly refer to Dunollie Castle as his ancestral seat, this being a reference to his middle name, MacDougall. The Skinner history in Oban extends back generations and their involvement in local affairs shaped the prosperity of the town as we know it today. Donald will be remembered in Argyll with great fondness and gratitude for his contribution and we, the community should be thankful to his family for allowing him the time to do all the things that he did for us all. I consider myself fortunate to have been his business partner and friend for almost 50 years and I will miss his company, his counsel and presence. I know that he will be remembered by many and he will live on in the hearts of those who loved him most."



OBITUARIES

Martin Anderson (Tayforth)

Martin started his shinty career in Inverlochty and Fort William before playing for Aberdeen University. After moving to Perth to take up employment as a well-respected paralegal with Perth & Kinross Council, Martin joined Tayforth. Martin played in a number of positions for the club. Martin also took on a number of roles on the committee including club secretary.

Liz Buchanan (Formerly MacInnes)

Originally from Stornoway, Liz was a driving force in many areas of shinty's key development years in the 1970s and 1980s and went on to have a distinguished career in tourism, for which she was awarded the MBE in 2011, having been a Regional Director of Visit Scotland for a number of years. Liz was one of the driving forces in a dynamic group which consolidated the development of the Shinty Yearbook (becoming joint editor in 1979), the Camanachd Association Referees' Association and perhaps most fondly remembered of all, the late and lamented Aviemore indoor six a side tournament.

Colin Cameron (Strachur & District SC, Strachur-Dunoon)

Strachur's Colin Cameron, who was a former director of the Camanachd Association, passed away peacefully in June after a short illness. A player in Strachur's famous 1983 Camanachd Cup final run, Colin had gone on to act as chairman of the club. More recently, he was the manager and driving force behind the Strachur-Dunoon joint senior team, successfully bringing shinty back to his beloved home village after a few barren years – a fitting legacy for a titan of shinty on the Cowal peninsula.

Dave Fallows (Strathspey & Badenoch Herald)

He was a great champion for his beloved Newtonmore – where he was a keen supporter of the shinty team and reporter on the sport for many years for the Strathy – and wider Badenoch and Strathspey. Mr Fallows served Badenoch and Strathspey with distinction for many years in this and many other roles. But he took the tough decision to stand down from the council on health grounds at the previous election.

Morton Fraser (Kingussie)

A long serving and popular teacher at Kingussie High School, Morton was also a familiar face in our town and he will be sadly missed. Along with wife Jo they have watched countless Shinty matches at the Dell and all over the Shinty world as they followed the careers of their sons Torquil and Rory and grandchildren Somhairle, Roma, Cluanie and Grace. Morton was an incredibly loyal supporter and will be always fondly remembered at the Dell.

Neilly Galbraith (Kyles Athletic)

Neilly was a Camanachd Cup winner back in 1956 and went on to captain the club in 1958, lifting the Macaulay Cup after beating Beaulieu by six goals to one. The last time Neilly stepped onto a shinty pitch was in 2015 as he proudly led out Kyles in the Camanachd cup final v Lovat, marking the occasion of the last time the sides met in the final back in 1953.

Edward (Eddie) Duncan Hughes (Oban Celtic)

A native of Kinlochleven he came to Oban to start as a car salesman he married and settled down with wife Christine. He followed his son Blair through the ranks at Oban Celtic Shinty Club. He was introduced to the Macaulay Association and became an influential member of the association that transformed the Argyllshire Sixes into the Macaulay Sixes in which has run in Oban for many years. He also had a substantial role to play at the running of the Macaulay Cup Final every year.

Ian MacCormack (West Highland Free Press)

Under his 44 year editorship shinty coverage became an integral part of the Free Press's weekly offering and Ian was a familiar figure on touchlines throughout the county – most frequently for matches involving Skye, Kinlochshiel and Lochcarron. Ian was originally from Kilmarnock and knew little of shinty when he arrived in 1975. But he quickly became an enthusiastic convert and that was to prove immensely beneficial for the sport across the next four-and-a-half decades.

Allan MacDonald (Glengarry)

Suddenly but peacefully, aged 82 years. Allan's career as a Forester, saw him locate to different areas and he always found a team to play for, a skilful and tenacious player, he was an asset to any team. In his later stages, Allan travelled the country supporting and cheering on son Gordon and daughter Linda playing for Glengarry - there was always a cup of tea ready for Allan at Craigard. Missed by us all.

Allie MacGregor (Newtonmore)

Allie MacGregor passed away aged 85, his death marked the going of the last member of the Blue and White's Scottish Cup team who beat Kyles Athletic 7-3 at Old Annesland in Glasgow. Ex-Newtonmore star Rob Ritchie said: "Allie was a skilful defender, small in stature, who kept himself very fit. I recall him running with myself and fellow players around the golf course in the dark, us wearing plimsols and him wearing his working boots coated in tar, leading the way."

Hugh MacIntyre (Kilmallie)

Former Chairman and Camanachd Cup winning player. We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of our club chieftain, Hugh 'Shep' MacIntyre, peacefully at home. The words 'Kilmallie legend' barely do justice to Hugh's contribution and service to our club throughout his entire life. A particular highlight for Shep was being a member of our 1964 Scottish cup winning side, recorded to all posterity complete with an interview from the inimitable broadcaster, Fyfe Roberston.

John MacKinnon (Skye)

John was a loving husband, father of six, brother, uncle and grandfather to his family, and was a much-loved member of the community. John loved the outdoors, was a keen motorcyclist and, as a loved father, shared his activities with his family.

Evan MacKinnon (Lovat)

Suddenly, but peacefully, at Raigmore Hospital, on Thursday, 21st April, 2022, Evan MacKinnon, Fraser Court, Kiltarlity, aged 67 years. Plumbing and Heating Engineer. Dearly loved dad of Evan, Emma and Mark, loved father-in-law of Amanda, Michael and Gemma, loving partner of Jane, much loved Granda Ev to Dylan, Liam, Evie, Josie and Elsie and dear brother to Alan and Ian. Sadly missed by so many.

Andy MacKintosh (Newtonmore)

There is no doubt Tosh will go down as one of the club's finest players as a Camanachd Cup and MacTavish Cup winning captain in 2018, a winner of the prestigious Albert Smith medal as man of the match in the final two years previously in 2016, and a more than accomplished defender in the finest traditions of the club's expertise with the caman. His athleticism and above all his commitment to the cause would have been no surprise to anyone given the distinguished lineage of which he was the latest and finest exponent, the son of a club legend Iain who himself had two very fine playing brothers, along with numerous cousins similarly talented.

David "Murf" MacLean (Beaulieu)

Murf was a distinguished former player from a prominent Beaulieu shinty family playing as a stylish wing centre alongside his 3 brothers. He was a winner of the Strathdearn and Sutherland Cups in the 1950's when Beaulieu were amongst the pre-eminent Shinty clubs in the sport. A retired plumber to trade who worked for Hugh Macrame & co for over 30 years. Father of ex player and current coach Stephen and grandfather of current player David.

Duncan MacPhee (Fort William)

Duncan's contribution to FWSC was immense. He achieved many things in his time as chairman and his support and dedication to the club stemmed from his sons, Niall, Arran, Fraser and Ruaridh, who all played for Fort William at various times. He was extremely proud of them all with Niall captaining the team to win the Camanachd Cup in 2010 and Arran leading out the U21 Scotland team as captain in 2017.

Finlay MacRae (Lovat)

A valued member of Lovat Shinty Club and for many years a vice-president. Finlay had an amazing memory of shinty games and stories as well as a droll sense of humour and will be sorely missed from the sidelines on Saturdays. Finlay's son Ally was a stalwart of Lovat teams for many years, while grandson Stuart is the current Scotland goalkeeper and grandsons Angus and Ashie continue the tradition playing for the black and whites.

Alistair 'Wull' Macrae (Kyles Athletic)

6 times Camanachd Cup winner and Kyles Chieftain for 32 years. A gentleman held in the greatest regard by all those that knew him. Wull will be greatly missed by his club and his community.

Donnie Martin (Skye Camanachd)

There have been many prominent figures in Skye Camanachd's illustrious history but Donnie Martin's role is second to none. Donnie was a good team-mate and young players breaking into the senior side, which was a tough environment in the 1970s, spoke of the quiet words of encouragement from Donnie during the match as the battle continued around them. It was natural that Donnie would progress into shinty coaching with the youths, second team management and a two-year stint as Skye Camanachd first year manager in 2004-05. Donnie's tenure as a youth coach was particularly successful as the Islanders swept the boards.



Norrie Matheson (Kinlochshiel and Lochcarron)

It was with great sadness that the shinty world learned of the passing of Norrie Matheson, a lifelong supporter of the game and a well kent face at shinty venues around the North. Norrie seldom missed a Saturday without taking in a match. Norrie's shinty career started with the Kintail Shinty Club and then after the amalgamation of Kintail, Lochalsh and Glenshiel he went to play for the newly formed Kinlochshiel Club in 1960.

Sandy McKirdy (Bute)

The Isle of Bute and the wider sheep breeding and sheepdog world lost one of its characters, recently, with the death of Sandy McKirdy – he would have been 98 in 2022. A lifelong member of Bute Sheepdog Trials Association and an enthusiastic competitor from 1951, Sandy was a valued and knowledgeable committee member and competitor, continually striving for the wellbeing of the association and made honorary vice-president in 1999 and will be missed by all who knew him on the island.

Roddie Munro (Kilmory & Inveraray)

After a successful playing career with Inveraray (winning the Sutherland Cup) Roddie was instrumental along with a few other key individuals in resurrecting Kilmory Camanachd in 1977. Although a very active Kilmory Committee member Roddie found time to play in goals and defence for the new young team. Roddie also served as club manager for a number of years.

Arlene Porter (Lochaber)

Arlene coached our juniors for a period and had a very positive influence on many of the players that are part of Lochaber's senior teams today, she was popular and committed working tirelessly taking training and organising games contributing massively towards sustaining our club and for that we are all grateful to Arlene. Arlene's family have a massive connection to Lochaber Camanachd, her late uncle Lachie is a former player and Lochaber legend, her brothers Nicky and Martin played, her son Darren and cousins Michael, Cameron, Tyler and Innes all prominent and distinguished current Lochaber players.

Charlie Smith (Fort William)

Charlie was passionate about shinty and if there was a game on at An Aird, he was sure to be there, taking in all the action from the touchline and recounting the match in the Clubhouse afterwards with his friend's whilst enjoying a small aperitif. Charlie was always on hand to volunteer his assistance at An Aird, and he particularly enjoyed encouraging the young ones to pick up their sticks and play.

Ian Urquhart (Kingussie)

Ian played for Kingussie in the late 1960s and was a lifelong supporter of the Club. He was a strong midfield player who was affectionately known as "Corns". Ian captained Kingussie First Team during the 1960s and the highlight of his playing career was being part of the 1968 Camanachd Cup Final Team which drew 3-3 with Kyles in the Final, but then lost the replay 2-1. He will be sadly missed by everyone connected with the Club, and our thoughts are with his wife, Jean, and his family. He was part of Kingussie's 1964 Macaulay Cup winning team.

THANKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Camanachd Association would like to thank all those who contributed to the articles and photographs in the production of this 2022 edition of the Shinty Yearbook.

Special thanks are extended to Neil G Paterson who provided most of the images for the yearbook.

The bulk of the articles in the Yearbook were written by Aarron Duncan-MacLeod however, the Camanachd Association Staff and Alasdair Bruce are also gratefully thanked for their efforts in its completion.

We also extend our thanks for copy provided by, Katie Drain, Craig Lee Holt, Karen Williamson, Morag MacDonald, Steven MacKenzie, John Robertson, Cameron Middleton, Dr Hugh Dan MacLennan, Eoghan Stewart, Charles Simpson and Scottish Student Sport. Special thanks must go to Dr Hugh Dan MacLennan for his support with articles from previous editions of the Shinty Yearbook. As mentioned, Neil Paterson took the bulk of the photographs but thanks must also go to Paul Paterson, Kevin McGlynn, Stephen Lawson, Michael Bentley, Andrew Sinclair, Graham Bell, Katie Drain, Donald Cameron, Iain Ferguson & Fiona Young who also provided pictures.

The editor's gratitude must also be extended to Emma MacKenzie and Astie Cameron for proofreading the yearbook and to everyone who made 2022 a year worth writing about.

The Shinty Yearbook was edited by Aarron Duncan-MacLeod with the layout being undertaken by our friends at Lateral North.





MOWI®

Proud to support
Shinty

Enjoy the season.

mowiscotland.co.uk

We're proud to have supported the Camanachd Association since before Lady Gaga was born and when a Walkman was totally awesome.

MOWI®
is Goodness.

